

## **The Personhood Song**

*by Jan Edwards*

*Sung to the tune of "This Land is Your Land"*

Chorus:

I am a person, you are a person,  
With flesh and blood and with mind and conscience.  
The corporation is not a person.  
That word belongs to you and me.

They rape and plunder the world's resources,  
Destroying forests and killing wildlife.  
The corporation must turn a profit,  
Trampling over you and me.

They dump big money into elections,  
Buying our Congress and legislatures.  
The corporation a legal fiction,  
Now has more rights than you and me.

The Robber Barons bought off the judges  
To give them rights in the Constitution.  
Who said the courts had the right to do that?  
That job belongs to you and me.

The First Amendment protects our freedom  
Of free expression and of religion.  
The corporations have gone and stole it.  
Those rights belong to you and me.

The Fourth Amendment requires warrants  
For search and seizure; but corporations  
Evade the health codes and regulations  
And environmental laws.

Whenever Wal-Mart destroys a Main Street  
And all the people rise up in protest,  
The corporate cries of "Discrimination!"  
Override democracy.

If "We the People" are truly sovereign  
And rule the country through our elections,  
Then we must take back from corporations  
Rights that were meant for you and me.