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'The rapist is you!': why a Chilean protest chant is being sung around the world

Devised by a little-known South American feminist collective, the song, Un Violador en Tu Camino, has been performed by women from Washington to Istanbul. Why has it captured people's imagination?

Protesters singing the song outside Chile's national stadium, where some of Pinochet's victims were held and assaulted.
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The rhythm is infectious, the crowd of women exuberant as they pump their fists and move their feet. Their voices rise as they chant the chorus line, translated from the song's original Spanish: "It wasn't my fault; not where I was, not how I dressed." How many women wouldn't guess, from those words alone, that this is about rape? And it is that visceral, shared understanding that has helped a song and dance, devised by a little-known Chilean feminist collective called Las Tesis, spread across the globe. Since November, Un Violador en Tu Camino (A Rapist in Your Path) has been sung everywhere from France and Mexico to Kenya and India, etc. as a protest against the use of sexual violence to control women. *Gaby Hinsliff, The Guardian* Feb. 2020.

QUESTION 1. Find in the text two parts of the body

QUESTION 2. Matching the words in column A with their synomyms. Join the arrows.

1) pump		a) violation, abuse
2) (voices) rise		b) go higher, louder
3) dressed		c) move forcefully up and down
4) rape		d) expanse
5) spread		e) wear clothes

QUESTION 3. Answer the following questions

Which is the tile of the chant/ song?

What is the name of the band who wrote the song?

What is their nationality?

Where did the movement against rape start?

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