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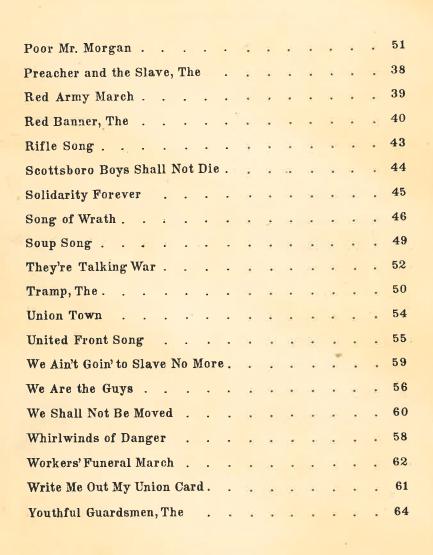
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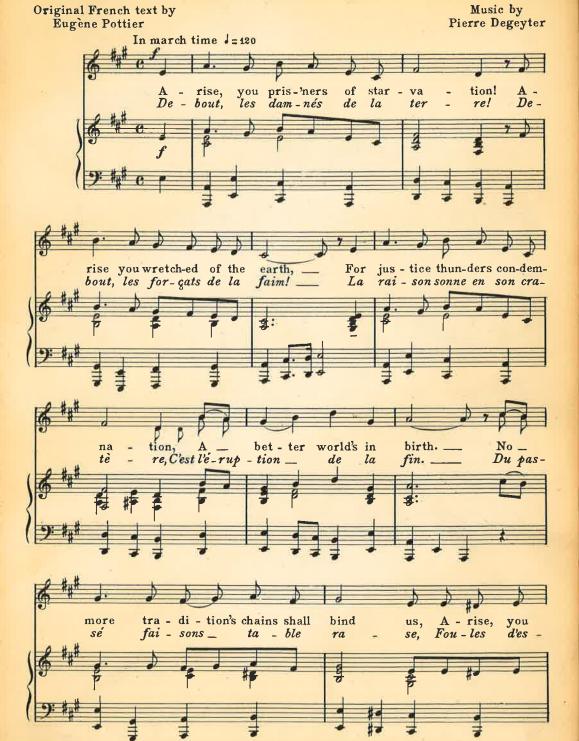
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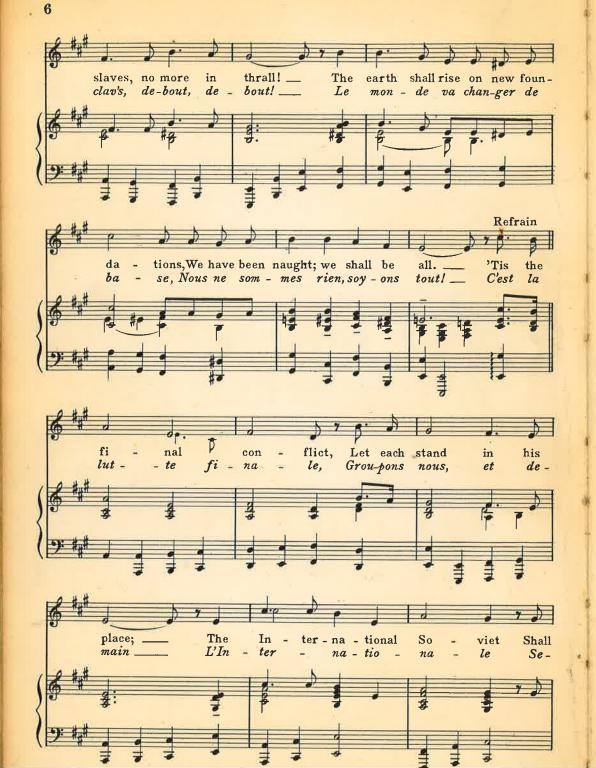
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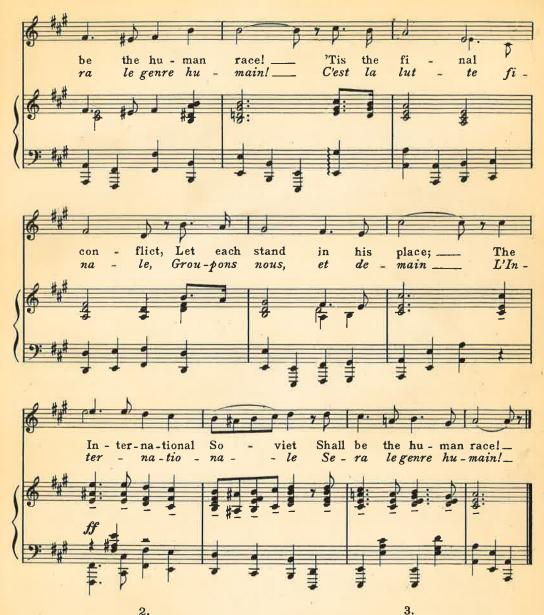
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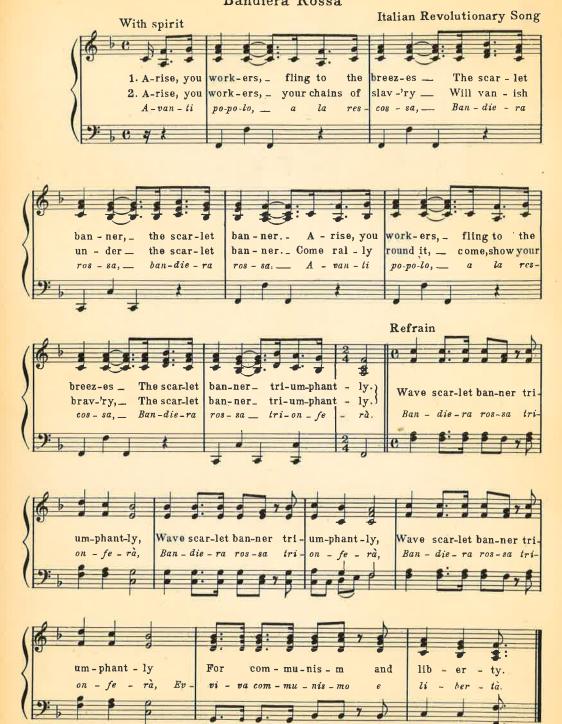


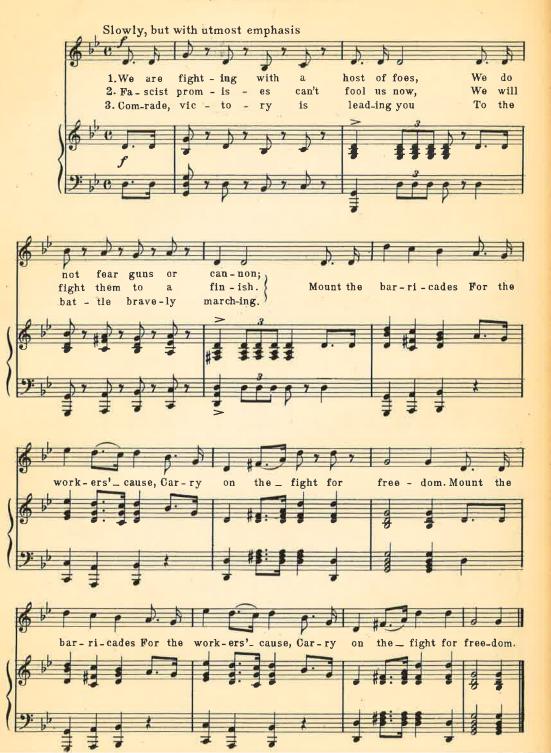
We want no condescending saviors To rule us from a. judgment hall; We workers ask not for their favors, Let us consult for all. To make the thief disgorge his booty, To free the spirit from the cell, We must ourselves decide our duty We must decide and do it well.

Refrain

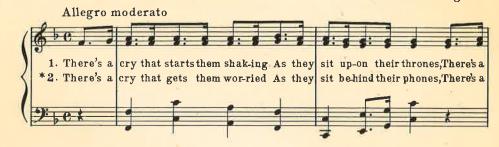
Toilers from shops and fields united, The union we of all who work; The earth belongs to us, the workers, No room here for those who shirk. How many on our flesh have fattened! But if the noisome birds of prey Shall vanish from the sky some morning The blessed sunlight still will stay.

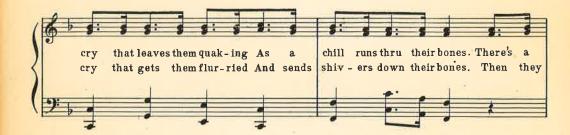
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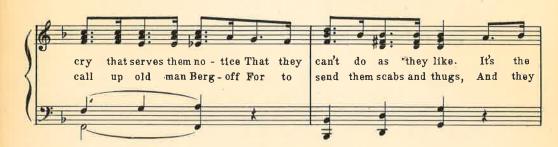


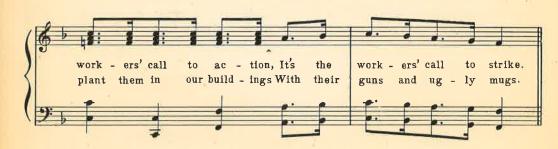


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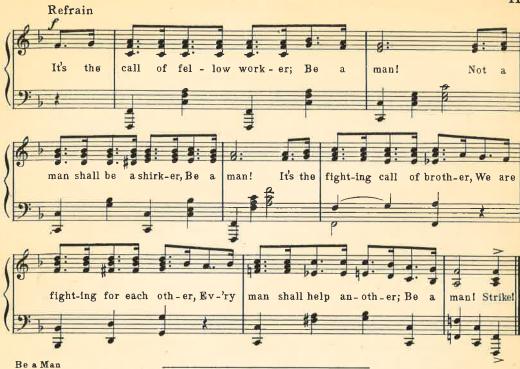








\* Improvised for the New York Building Service Workers' strike.



BLACK MAN FIGHTS WID DE SHOVEL



- Joined the army for to get some clothes, Lordy, turn your face on me.
   What we're fightin' about nobody knows, Lordy, turn your face on me.
- 3. Never goin' to ride that ocean more,
  Lordy, turn your face on me.
  Goin' to walk right home to me cabin (front) door,
  Lordy, turn your face on me.

#### CASEY JONES





3. When Casey Jones got up to heaven to the Pearly Gate,
He said: "I'm Casey Jones, the guy that pulled the S. P. freight."

"You're just the man," said Peter, "our musicians went on strike,
You can get a job a-scabbing any time you like."

#### Refrain

Casey Jones got a job in heaven,
Casey Jones was doing mighty fine;
Casey Jones went scabbing on the angels,
Just like he did to workers on the S. P. line.

4. The angels got together, and they said it wasn't fair

For Casey Jones to go around a-scabbing everywhere.

The Angels' Union No. 23, they sure were there,

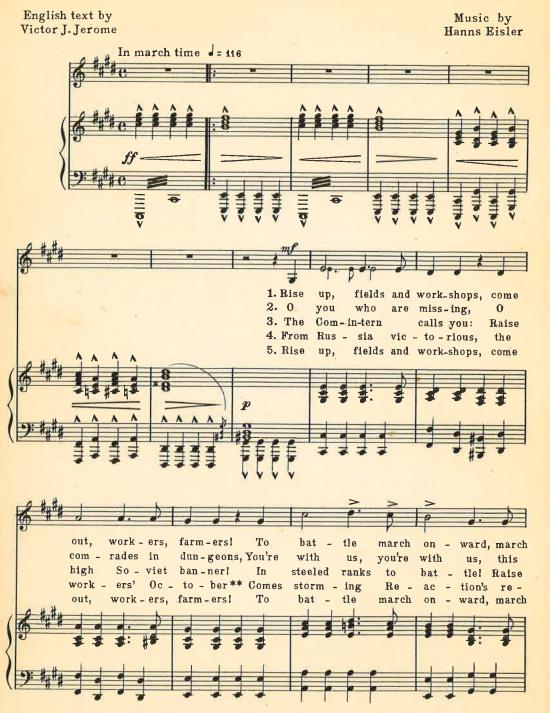
And they promptly fired Casey down the Golden Stair.

#### Refrain

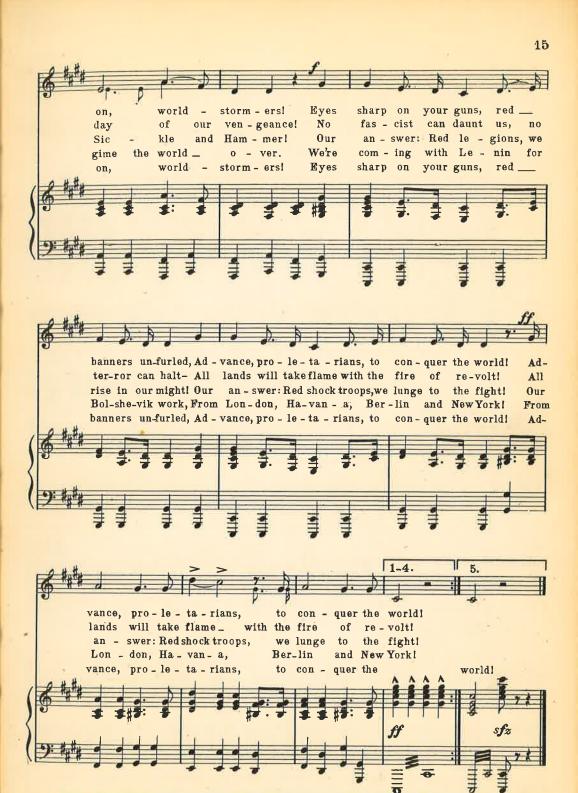
Casey Jones!" the devil said "Oh, fine,

Casey Jones, get busy shovelling sulphur,

That's what you get for scabbing on the S. P. line."



- \* Comintern: Abbreviation for Communist International, the world organization of all Communist Parties.
- \*\* October: refers to the month during which the proletarian Revolution in 1917 took place in Russia.





ach - ing,

shad - ow;

our

Just whose world

of

All the world is

ours?

own.

call

Ev -'ry road and ev - 'ry

world.

the cit - y?



#### FRISCO STRIKE SAGA





Then the longshoremen swore They would stand it no more,

And they called to their fellow workingmen; And like brothers they answered to the call; And the boys heard them say

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The bosses are gypping us again.

Refrain:

So they called the teamsters true,

Carmen and busmen too,

From Diego to Seattle

Went out the call to battle,

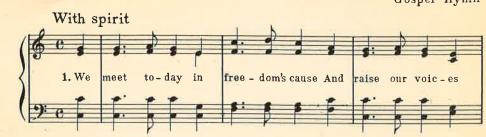
And the workers rose to answer, one and all-Refrain:





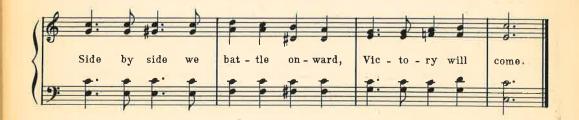
- 3. I want to go home, I want to go home;
  In place of a dinner they pass us out slum;
  My whole inner workings they've gone on the bum,
  So send me etc.
- 4. I want to go home, I want to go home;
  The war ain't so bad if you're wearin' a star,
  But bein' a private don't get you so far,
  So send me etc.











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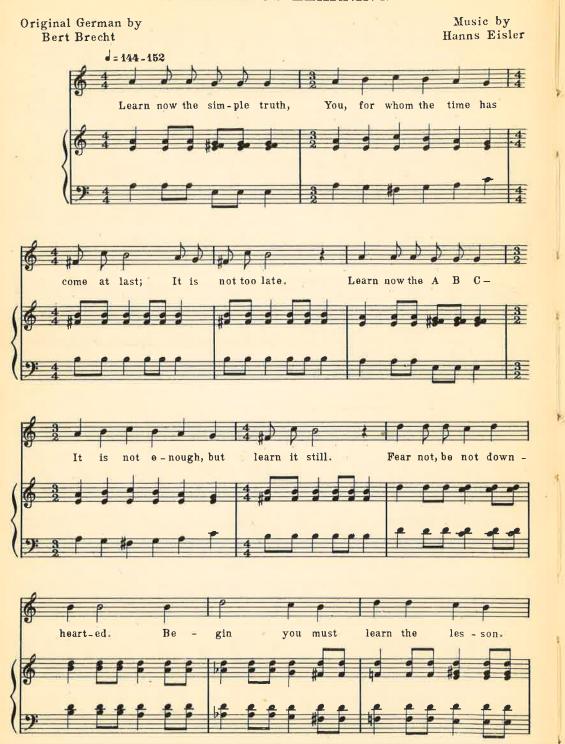
Look, my comrades, see the union Banners waving high;
Reënforcements now appearing;
Victory is nigh.

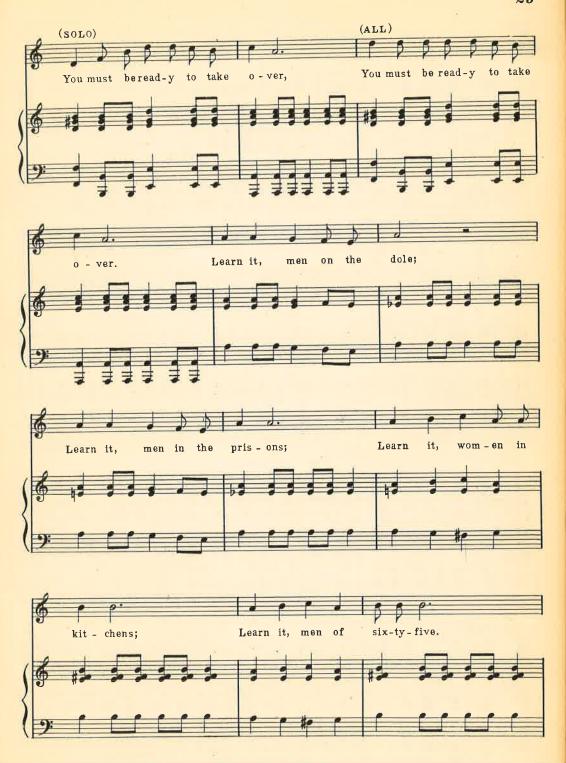
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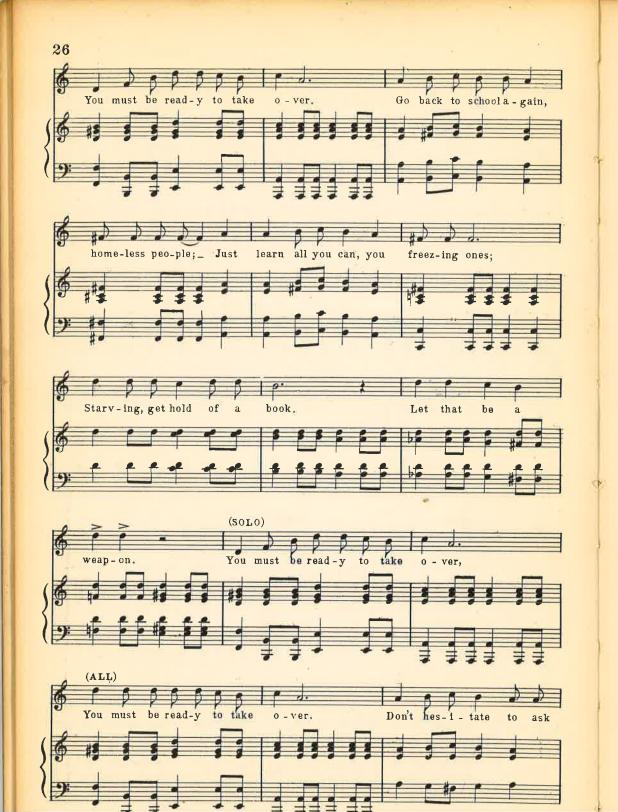
See our numbers still increasing,
Hear the bugles blow.
By our union we shall triumph
Over every foe.

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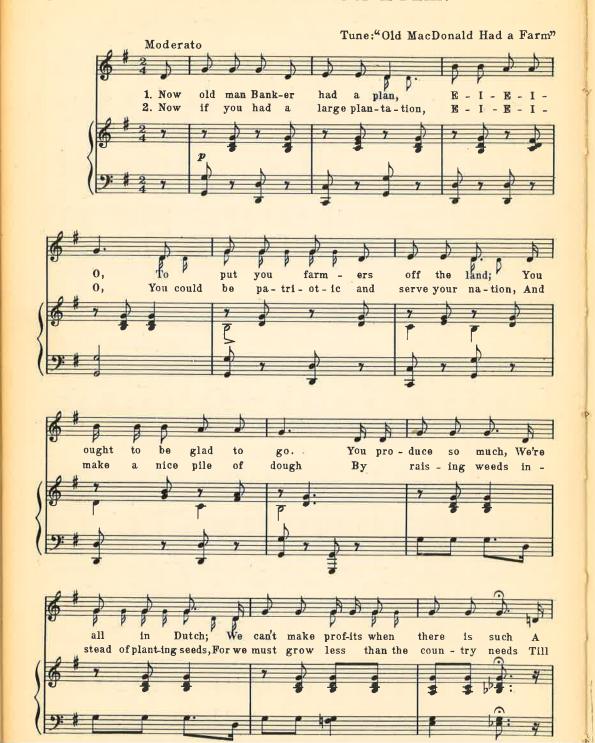








#### OLD MAN BANKER HAD A PLAN





Now we will make an appropriation,

E-I-E-I-O,

For the large landowners' compensation.

Here's how it will go:

We'll add a nickel here,We'll add a nickel there,

Bread a nickel, butter nickel,

Prices up another nickel;

Lay a little tax on the workers backs,

E-I-E-I-O.

Now don't be rash and go too far,

E - I - E - I - O,

For if you defy the bankers'law,

We'll show you where to go.

With a black-jack here, And a black-jack there,

And a whack, whack, beat 'em back, —

Try a little gas attack;

Put you in your places properly,

E - I - E - I - O.

Old Man Banker

# THE PEOPLE'S SONG

Tune from "The Vagabond King"

Words by Paul Reid

War is coming nearer,
Fascist trends grow clearer,
Nations rushing to their fall.
But the people waken,
From their slumber shaken,
Form their ranks and heed the call.

#### Refrain

Forward! Forward! One united throng.
Onward! Onward! Raise the people's song.
Stop the mad war breeders!
Halt the fascist leaders!
Peace and freedom shall prevail!

#### ON THE PICKET LINE



Come and picket on the picket line;

Come and picket on the picket line.

Refrain

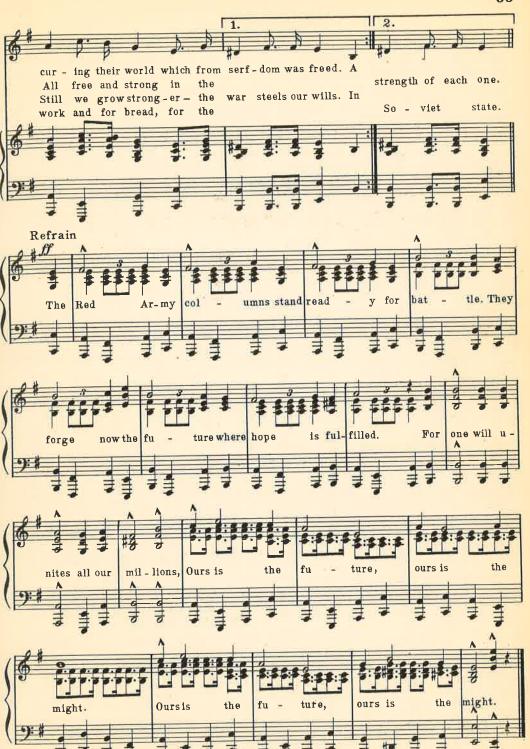
You will be invited without fail,

Come and picket on the picket line;

When you picket on the picket line. Refrain

For you show your boss that the worker rules,

32 OURS IS THE FUTURE (Rote Soldaten) Music by Stefan Volpe In fast marching time, Vigorously -132 (Red Ar - my sol - diers, Red Ar - my col - umns 1. land where the fac-tries, the fields and the for - ests Be-2. Thou-sands of work - ers chained in the pris - ons, of - fice and fac - try, in hous - es and bar - racks, There Guard a - lert, Se the fronts, each armed and slave, Where long and Some spilled all their blood, the brav - est have spreads through the fight. The fields con - quered, Se free - men and mas - ters, mur - dered in bat - tle, hun - ger are surg - ing in mil - lions, For



#### THE PEAT BOG SOLDIERS

#### Die Moorsoldaten

This stirring song was produced by political prisoners in a German concentration camp, who rebelled at singing the Nazi songs. Though the words are "safe," the prisoners sang with such gusto, particularly in the last chorus, with its veiled meaning, that the song was finally forbidden. The melody was notated by Hanns Eisler.



3. But for us there is no complaining, Winter will in time be past;
One day we shall cry rejoicing, "Homeland dear, you're mine at last?"
Refrain:

Then will the peat-bog soldiers

March no more with their spades

To the bog! (Repeat)

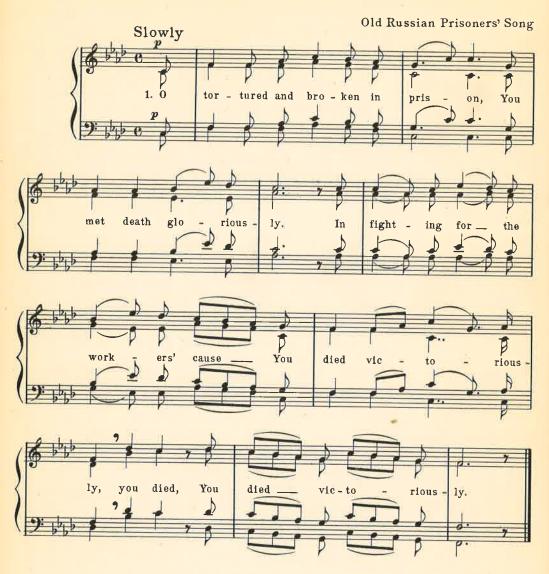
#### Die Moorsoldaten

- 1. Wohin auch das Auge blicket
  Moor und Heide ringsherum.
  Vogelsang uns nicht erquicket,
  Eichen stehen kahl und krumm.
  Wir sind die Moorsoldaten
  Und ziehen mit dem Spaten
  Ins Moor.
- 2. Auf und nieder gehen die Posten,
  Keiner, keiner kann hindurch.
  Flucht wird nur das Leben kosten,
  Vielfach ist umzäunt die Burg.
  Wir sind die Moorsoldaten
  Und ziehen mit dem Spaten
  Ins Moor.
- 3. Doch für uns gibt es kein Klagen,
  Ewig kann's nicht Winter sein.
  Einmal werden froh wir sagen,
  "Heimat, du bist wieder mein."

  Dann ziehen die Moorsoldaten

  \* Nicht mehr mit dem Spaten
  Ins Moor.

\* Nicht should come on the down beat, making the preceding note a half



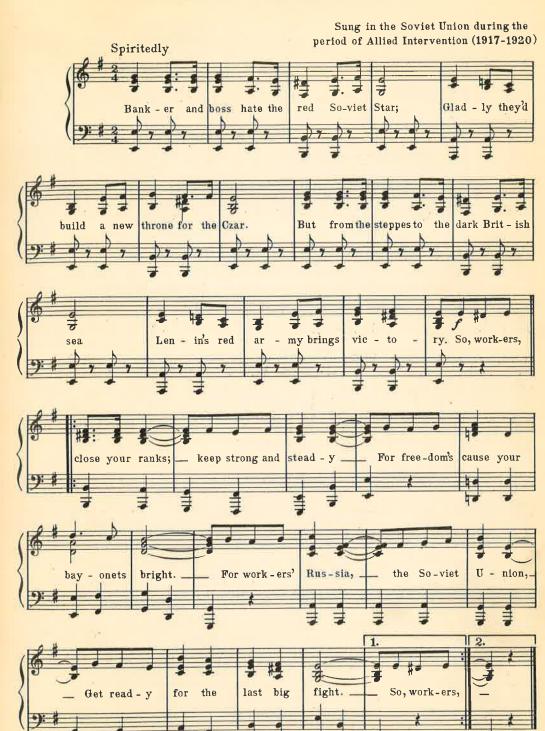
- 2. Though sorrow lay dark on our souls,
  Though tears welled in our eyes,
  We gathered new courage from the grave
  Where our brave comrade lies, comrade lies,
  Where our brave comrade lies.
- 3. Like you our great task is to show
  The workers how to be free,
  And firmly united in our great cause
  We'll fight on to victory, victory,
  We'll fight on to victory.



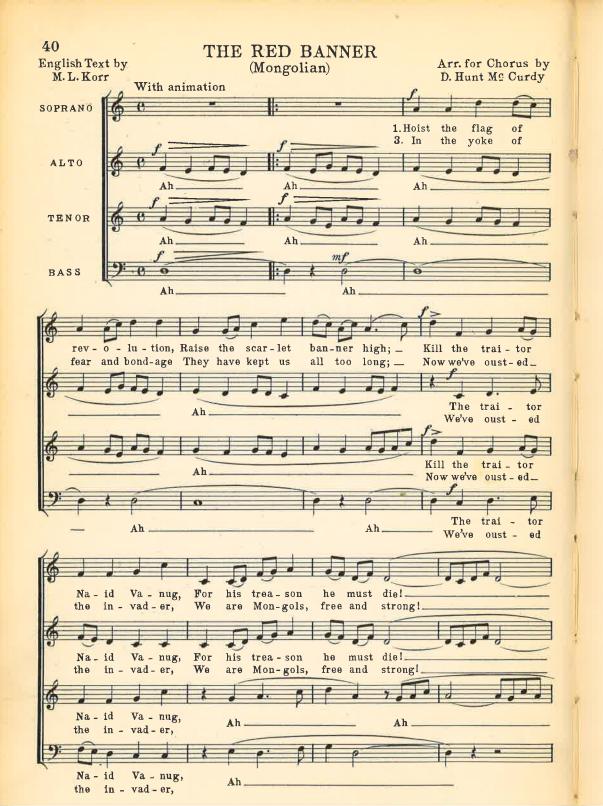


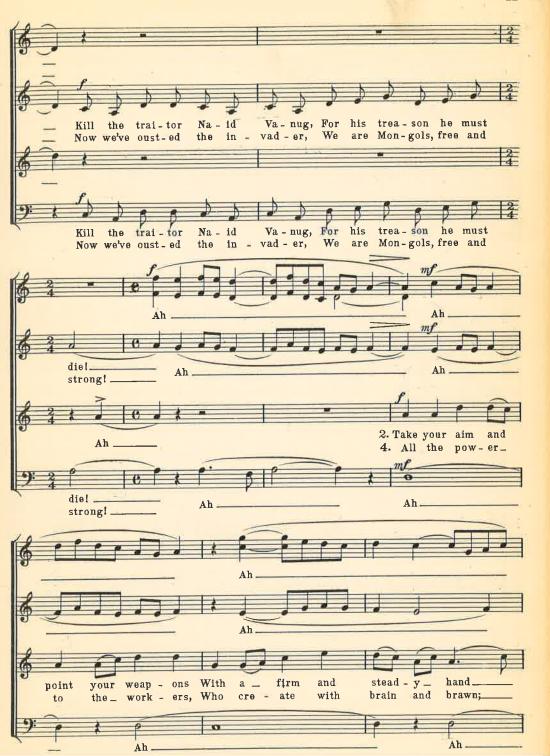
- 2. If you fight hard for children and wife,
  Try to get something good in this life
  You're a sinner and bad man, they tell;
  When you die you will sure go to hell.
  Refrain:
- 3. Workingmen of all countries, unite!
  Side by side we for freedom will fight.
  When the world and its wealth we have gained,
  To the grafters we'll sing this refrain:
  Last Refrain:

You will eat by and by,
When you've learned how to cook and to fry.
Chop some wood, 'twill do you good,
And you'll eat in the sweet by and by.





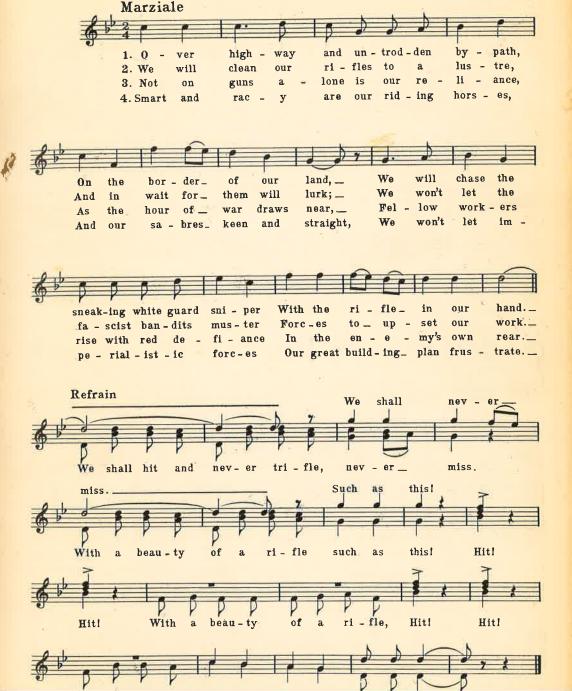


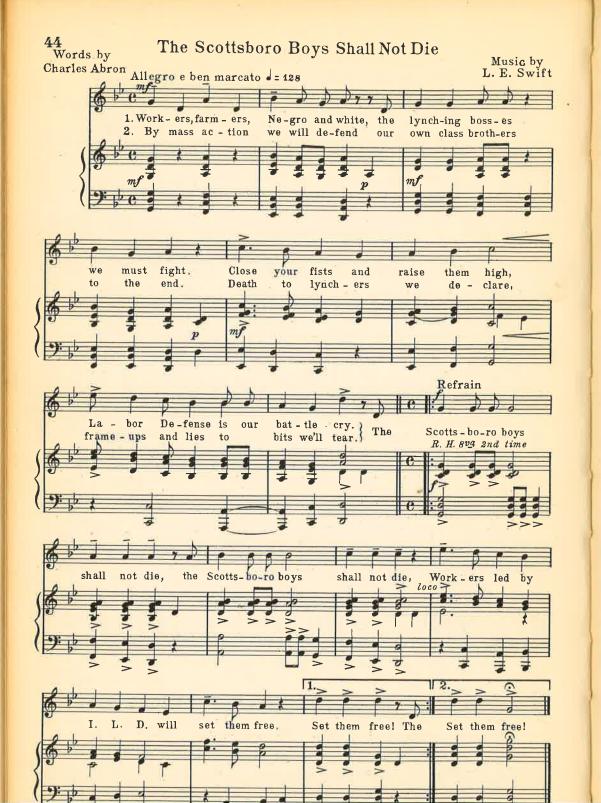


A. Davidenko



# RIFLE SONG Soviet Revolutionary Song







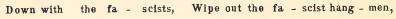
#### SONG OF WRATH

(May be sung by Six-Part Chorus)

Music by F. Szabo

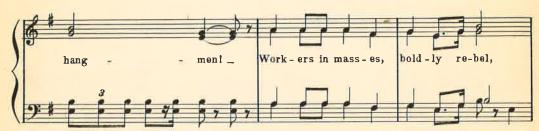
Adaptation and arrangement by
D. Hunt Mc Curdy





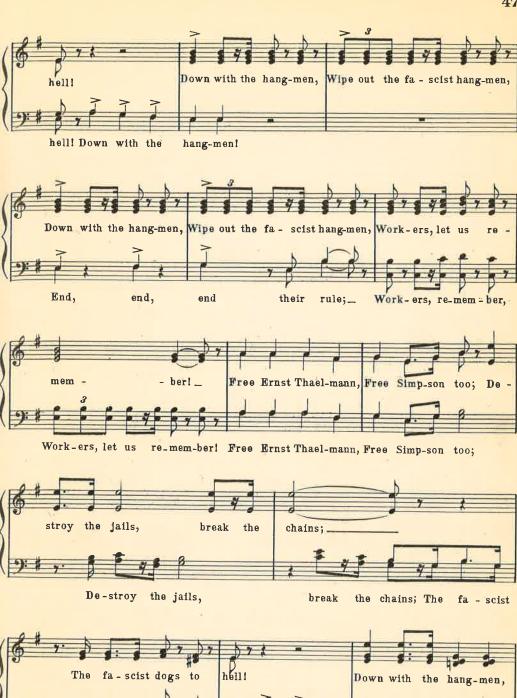


Down with the fa-scists, Wipe out the fa-scist hang-men, Wipe out the fa-scists,



Down with the fa - scist hang-men! Work - ers in mass - es, bold - ly re-bel, De -





- men to hell! Down with the hang-men!

hang -



Down with the hang-men, Wipe out the fa - scist hang-men,



Down with the hang - men, Wipe out the fa - scist hang - men;



Rise, all ye peo-ple, Rise, all sub-ject - ed peo - ples; In - dia, Chi - na,



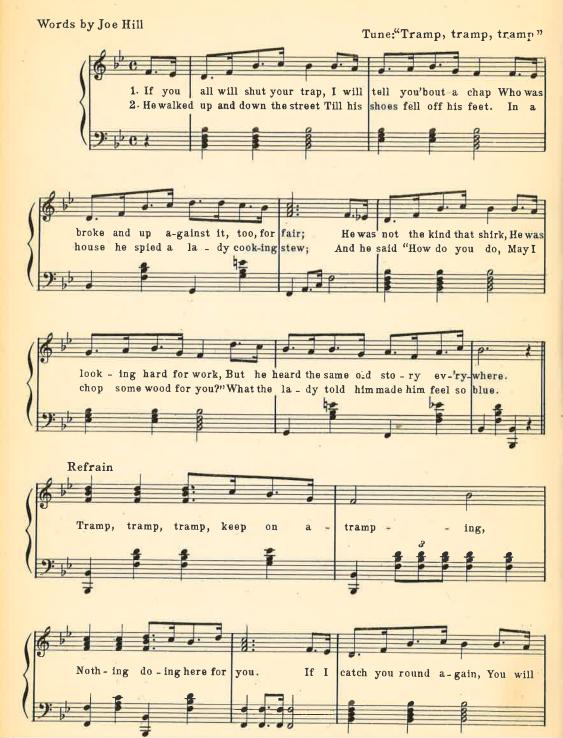
Af - ri - ca too; De - stroy the jails, break the chains; \_\_\_\_ The fa - scist





- 2. I spent twenty years in the factory,
  I did everything I was told.
  They said I was loyal and faithful,
  Now even before I get old:
  Refrain
- 3. I saved fifteen bucks with my banker
  To buy me a car and a yacht.
  I went down to draw out my fortune,
  And this was the answer I got:
  Refrain
- 4. I fought in the war for my country,
  I went out to bleed and to die.
  I thought that my country would help me,
  But this was my country's reply:

#### THE TRAMP





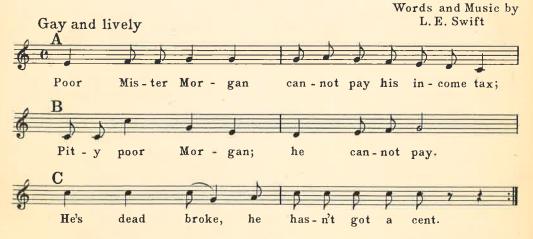
- 3.'Cross the street a sign he read,
  "Work for Jesus,"so it said,
  And he said "Here is my chance, I'll take a try,"
  And he kneeled upon the floor
  Till his knees got rather sore,
  But at eating time he heard the preacher cry:

  Refrain
- 4. Down the street he met a cop,
  And the copper made him stop,
  And he asked him "When did you blow into town?
  Come with me up to the judge?"
  But the judge said, "Git on, budge,
  Bums like you just had n't ought to come around?"
  Refrain

The Tramp

#### POOR MR. MORGAN

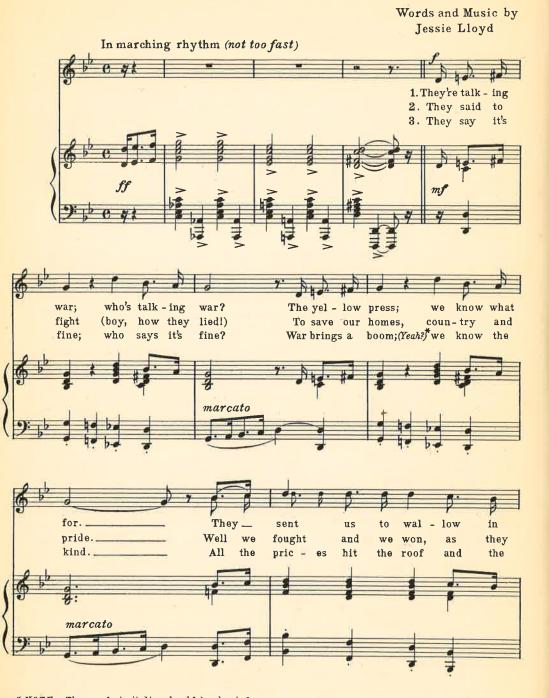
Round\*



\*For singing directions see page 57.

our

# THEY'RE TALKING WAR



a = gain, (Oh, just) Told give till it coun - try too; us give, (yes, give) way, (no, thanks) take it a = holds We'll not do your fight-ing gain, (just once!) then, (do it yourselves!) While they grabbed our ver - y hurts,(we know!) shirts. (they would)) way, (thanks a lot!) For you can't fool us to day. (we're through!) D. C. Introduction)

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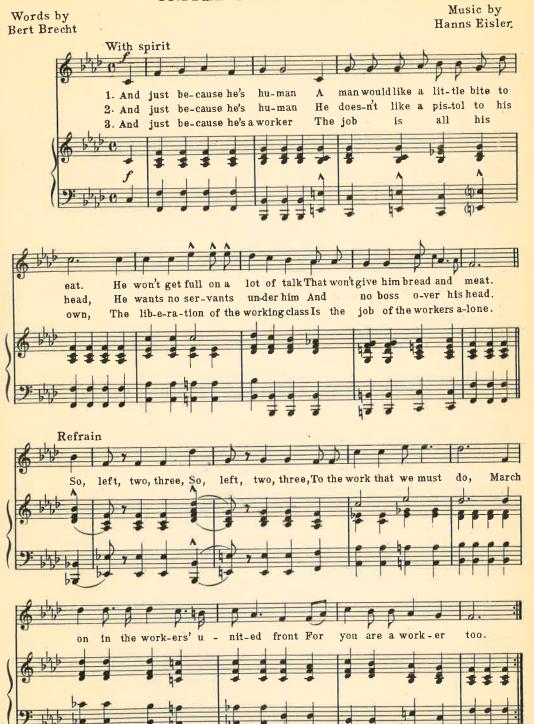
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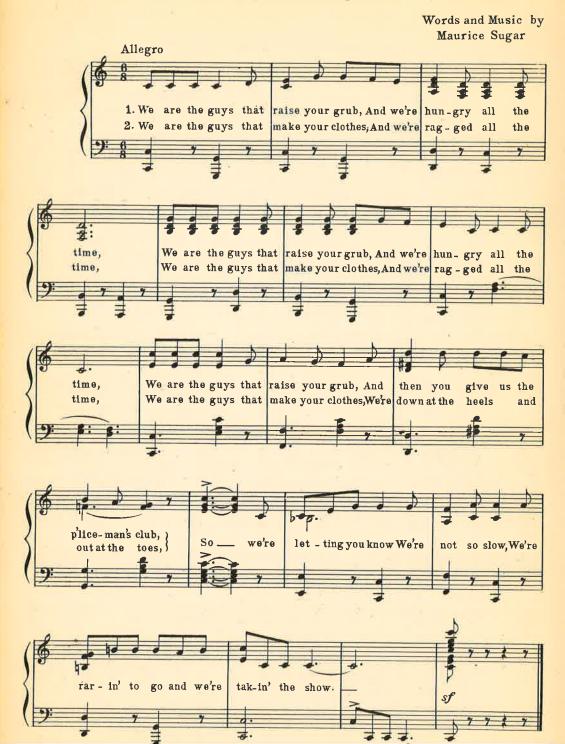
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2. Wherever you go,
Wherever you stay,
What's the story?
It's lousy pay.
You work for a boss,
You slave for a trust.
Stay alone and
You sure are lost.
Refrain

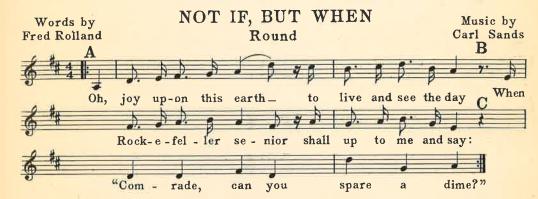
3. As sure as the sun
Goes down and comes up,
All the starving
Has got to stop.
As sure as the sun
Comes up and goes down,
We will make this
A UNION TOWN.
Refrain





- 3. We are the guys that dig your coal, And we're freezing all the time,
  We are the guys that dig your coal,
  And then you give us a lousy dole,
  So we're etc.
- 4. We are the guys that build your cars, And we're walking all the time,
  We are the guys that build your cars,
  And then you stick us behind the bars,
  So we're etc.
- 5. We are the guys that took your bunk, twice And you fooled us all the time,
  We are the guys that took your bunk,
  But now we're wise and you'll be sunk,
  So we're etc.

We are the Guys



#### A note on the singing of rounds

The round, an old form of English folk music, is one of the simplest introductions to partsinging for newly-formed ghoruses. There are various manners of singing rounds. The following is one that has been found satisfactory:

Divide the chorus into three equally balanced groups.

- 1. The entire chorus sings the song through in unison.
- 2. Then, without pause, the first group starts at the beginning (A) and sings the song through twice.
- 3. When the first group reaches "B" the second group begins at "A" and sings the song through
- 4. When the second group reaches "B" (meanwhile the first group has reached "C") the third group commences at "A" and sings the song through twice.
- 5. When the third group has completed the song for the second time, the entire chorus immediately starts at the beginning and sings the song through in unison, generally in faster tempo.

Care should be taken that no one part drowns out the others.

The words should be clearly enunciated.

# WHIRLWINDS OF DANGER

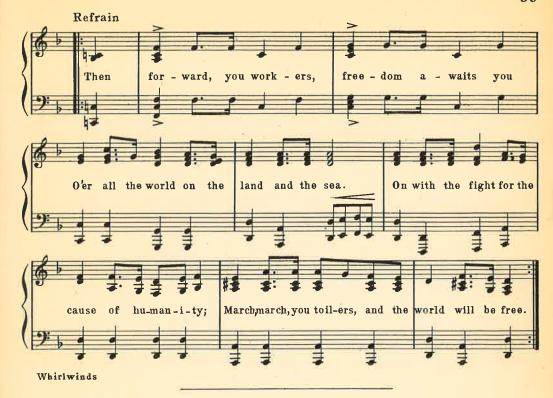
Varshavianka

Polish Revolutionary Song









#### WE AIN'T GONNA SLAVE NO MORE

Tune:"It ain't gonna rain no more"

 The bosses tried to cheat us, They robbed us left and right; But now we know our power, We'll organize and fight.

#### Refrain:

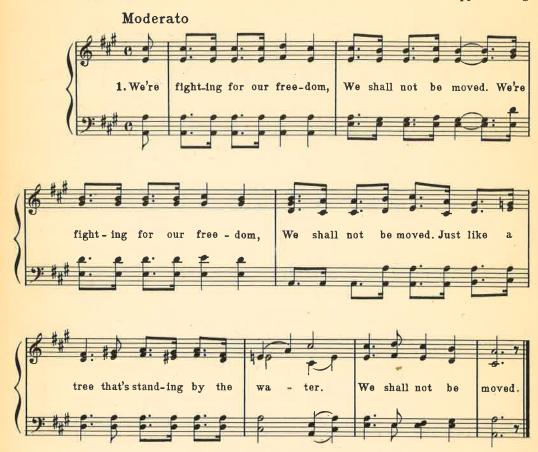
Oh, we ain't gonna slave no more, no more, We ain't gonna slave no more.

We are fighting for a living wage,
We ain't gonna slave no more.

Oh, join a fighting union,
 It is the only way
 You'll ever get a living wage;
 Come and join today.

#### WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED

Sharecroppers? Song



- Lenin is our leader,
   We shall not be moved, etc.
- For civil rights we're standing,
   We shall not be moved, etc.
- 4. Let Hearst with lies assail us, We shall not be moved, etc.
- We'll rise and fight together,We shall not be moved, etc.

### WRITE ME OUT MY UNION CARD

Tune: "Hand me down my walking cane"



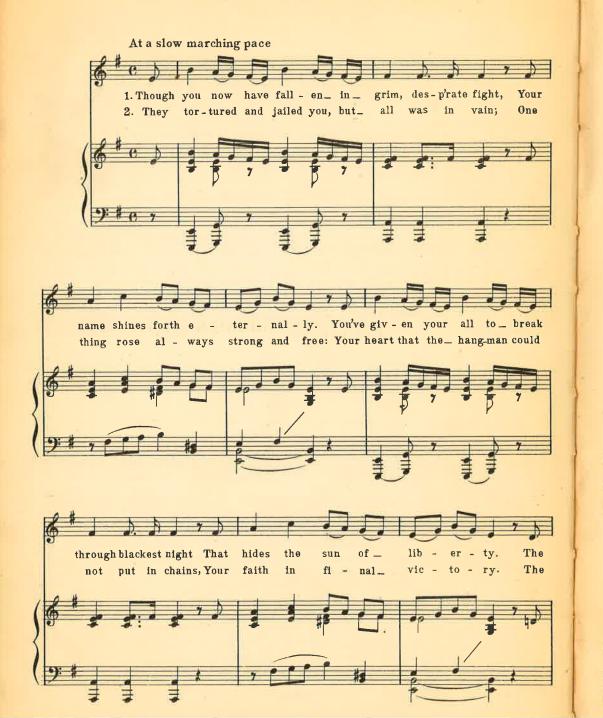




- 2. So come with me on the picket line, (3 times)
  We'll stay there till the bosses sign;
  Time to fight those hunger blues away.
- 3. In bosses' war the worker gets (3 times)
  A bellyful of bayonets;
  Time to fight those hunger blues away.
- 4. So write us out our union card, (3 times) Organize, we'll all fight hard;
  Time to fight those hunger blues away.
- 5. Now the Goodrich boss has canned our men, the Realty Board (3 times)

  We're going to put them back again;
  Time to fight those hunger blues away.
- \* Substitute your own boss or company.

#### WORKERS' FUNERAL MARCH





## THE YOUTHFUL GUARDSMEN

