

Sentimental Journey

Key of G, Start on B

Tune "Sentimental Journey")

Lyrics: Betsy Schussler, 2011, Updated by Joy Morgen & Rebecca Alwin, January, 2023

Gonna take a sentimental journey,
Back when labor won its rights
Before big business changed the situation
Causing such a worker blight (wor is sung as 2 syllables)

Had a job, good benefits and wages,
Enough to keep my family fed.
Then right wing bought political persuasion
We were hangin' by a thread. (by is sung as 2 syllables)

Labor...Fighting Bob supported labor!
Knew it helped enrich our neighbor
We were facing loss of dignity
How can it be?

Pulled my bootstraps up but there's a limit,
Can't ignore this sense of dread.
Forced to march and reclaim labor hist'ry
Till living wages are widespread. (are is sung as 2 syllables)

Labor...Bob and Belle supported labor!
Knew it helped enrich our neighbor
We were facing loss of dignity
How can it be?

Gonna take a sentimental journey,
Back when labor won its rights
Protecting workers joining local unions
Keeping real folks in our sights! (in is sung as 2 syllables)