

Suggested intro: “This song was written to honor Fighting Bob and Belle LaFollette, and workers’ rights in Wisconsin.”

## Sentimental Journey

Key of G

Tune “Sentimental Journey” Lyrics: Betsy Schussler, Northwoods Grannies, 5/7/11

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NOTE: Syncopate and schmaltz this one to the max! **Designating 3 “Gran-ettes” to sing “Ba-ba-ba-bum” in between verses really enhances the song.**

**Gonna take a sentimental journey,**  
**Back** when **labor won** its rights  
Before big **business changed** the situation  
**Causing such** a wo-orker blight!

**Had a job,** good **benefits** and wages,  
**Enough** to **keep** my **fam’ly** fed.  
Then right wing **bought** / political persuasion  
**We** were **hangin’** by-y a thread.

**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 **a-are** widespread.

**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** i-in our sights!