

Solidarity Forever

Ralph Chaplin, 1915, verse 4 by Faith Petrick and verses 5 & 6 by Steve Suffet

**Chorus: Solidarity forever, Solidarity forever!
Solidarity forever, for the union makes us strong.**

1. When the union's inspiration through the workers' blood shall run,
There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun;
Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one,
But the union makes us strong

2. It is we who plowed the prairies, built the cities where they trade
Dug the mines and built the workshops, endless miles of railroad laid;
Now we stand outcast and starving midst the wonders we have made,
But the union makes us strong.

3. They have taken untold millions that they never toiled to earn,
But without our brain and muscle not a single wheel could turn;
We can break their haughty power, gain our freedom when we learn,
That the union makes us strong

4. It is we that wash the dishes, scrub the floors and chase the dirt,
Feed the kids and send them off to school and then we go to work;
Where we work for half the wages for a boss that likes to flirt,
But the union makes us strong.

5. They say our day is over and they say our time is through,
They say you need no union if your collar isn't blue;
Well that is just another lie the boss is telling you,
For the union makes us strong.

6. They divide us by our color, they divide us by our tongue,
They divide us men and women, they divide us old and young;
But they'll tremble at our voices when they hear these verses sung,
For the union makes us strong.

7. In our hands is placed a power greater than their hoarded gold,
Greater than the might of armies magnified a thousand fold;
We can bring to birth a new world from the ashes of the old,
For the union makes us strong.