Solidarity Forever

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R8eK9ZXf-Ow

8 Bar intro over Chorus

Verse

When the unions inspiration through the workers blood shall run There will be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one For the union makes us strong

Chorus

Solidarity forever, solidarity forever, solidarity forever for the union makes us strong

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

Chorus

There are sellout unions that have given up the fight Bunging leaders into parliament by acting all polite The rank and file must organise and fight for the right To have a union that makes us strong

Chorus

The Internationale

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3sh4kz_zhyo

Arise ye starvelings from your slumber
Arise ye prisoners of want
For reason in revolt now thunders
And at last ends the age of cant.
Away with all your superstitions
Servile masses arise, arise
Let's change forthwith the old tradition
And spurn the dust to win the prize.

Chorus

then comrades, come rally
And the last fight let us face
The Internationale unites the human race. X2

The union movement is in trouble
Good unions are so hard to find
Workers rise up show your muscle
and demand that your union fights
We must end exploitation of workers
The class struggle we must ignite
Touch One Touch all is our credo
Dare To Struggle, Dare to show your might

Power And The Passion(Oils)

(In)4 Bar Intro X2

(A1) Workers, wasting away in paradise. Going backwards, Bosses Hostile

Many Unions are weak, their leaders senile

Membership decline, Membership decline

Membership decline is true

Organising model has fallen away Service model Won't do

You tell all your comrades on the shop floor

The only war worth fighting is Class War X2

(B1) Chorus

Oh! the power and the passion,

Oh! the temper of the time

Oh the power and the passion

Sometimes you've got to take the hardest line

(In Rpt)4 Bar Intro X4

(A2 Rpt) Compliant - unions abound, their leaders lie down

Smiling-, factions enshroud, Preselection Beckons Parliament Bound

Conditions hit, restructure tat

Sold down the drain by a Bureaucrat

Sally talked tough ACTU puff

She was never gonna do too much

Too many sellouts too many lies

Class War is the only war to try X2

(B2)Chorus then (C1)Solo (In Sign)4 Bar Intro X2

(A3 Sign) Buildings, clothing the sky, in paradise

Melbourne- Developers swarm, Sky News telly, Murdoch Scorn

Albo's sad he's such a grub, it's IDF & Corporate club

Work Choice Fair Work Orwellian Chit Chat

No one fights the Boss that's that

They take you for granted, I'll tell you the score

The only war worth fighting is Class War X2

(B3) Chorus

(In Last time)4 Bar Intro X2 then Vox(A3) (B4)

(Coda)Solo to end

May Day Songbook 2025 She's A Rebel

(He's a Rebel – The Crystals)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waRbcqP4cUI

(In) 6 Bar Intro

(A1) Rebel socialists don't retreat

Fighting bosses is no mean feat

We all hold our head up high

When she goes walking by, organised

(A2) When she holds the line, I'm so proud

'Cause she's organising the crowd

My comrade's always been the one to

Advocate and agitate

And because of that, we all say

(B)Chorus

She's a rebel that the bourgeoise deplore

She's a rebel and a socialist to the core

Standing her ground and fighting the mighty class war

Is the reason why we can beat the boss

She unequivocally, always fights for decency

'Cause she's not Bourgeois No No No

She's a rebel, socialist Completely

(C)8 Bar Solo

(D)Bosses don't like her that way

They won't like me after today

I'll be standing right by her side when we say

(B)Chorus then (C)8 Bar Solo then (A) Solo over A1 at sign

(A2) Verse 2 then (B) then (C) then (D) then (B) Chorus to Coda

(Coda) She's not Bourgeois, no, no, no

Working Class

(Working Class Man Cold Chisel)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3TPmPOrDEk

Verse 1(A)

Struggling to make a living, Slaving hard for zero gain The union's shot but we carry on, Class struggle in our veins Oh oh We're working class

Verse 2(A)

We've taken on the bosses, We're legends of our time The class war rages on and on, We never will comply Oh oh oh we're working class

Variation 1 (B)

We believe in Marx and Engles, Revolution yes we can Capitalism is a Sham, Colossal corporate scam We hate the service model & the bourgeois bureaucrats Oh We're working class

Verse 3 (A)

Inequality's a killer, And it's getting worse & worse

Democracy is in retreat, Inaction is perverse

We're worried about tomorrow, We've just made up our minds

Its time for us to seize the riches, and change the paradigm

Oh We're working class Oh We're working class Oh Yes we are We're working class Oh

We must stand up & build a world that is fit for us For the working class
We must stand up & build a world that is fit for us For the working class
We must stand up & build a world that is fit for us For the working class

May Day Songbook 2025 US Forces(Oils)

(In) Opening 8 X 2 Bars

(In 2nd)US Forces get the nod, it's a setback for democrac\y
Aukus Bombs lined up in rows,
Trump regime trades Blood for Oil
Wikileaks & CIA,
who acts in our interests
Propping up genocidal regimes
Murdoch writes Fake NNNNNNNews
(B1)Chorus
Sing me songs where no one's lying,
Politicians are conniving
Waiting for their next big sling

(A1)Will you know it when you see it, (A2)Mass distraction reigns supreme (C)Vested Interests call the shots, Lobbyists donate a lot Business as Usual under labour

(B2)Chorus (A)Solo Break 4 X 2 Bars
(D)Everybody needs to join the mission
Justice for Palestine's our position
Fight the crackpot Aukus decision
Political party line is bought and sold
Neoliberalism can't save your life
Its time that we all made some strife
fight Albo Dutton Musk Trump Starmer We'll win

(B)Chorus X 3 Then (A) X 3 to End

Solid Rock(Goanna)

(In) 8 bars Didg 8 Bars Riff
(A)Out here nothin' changes, not in a hurry anyway
You feel the endlessness with the comin' of the light o' day
We're talkin' about a chosen place
You wouldn't sell it in a marketplace, well(Riff)
Well just a minute now

(B)Chorus

Standing on solid rock, Standing on sacred ground Living o-on borrowed ti-i-i-ime And the winds of change are blowin' down the line Right down the line Right down the line (Then Riff)

(A)Round about the dawn o' time, When dreamin' all began A crowd o' people came Well they were looking for their promised land Were running from the heart of darkness Searching for the heart o' light (Riff) Well it was their paradise(Riff)

But They were (B)Chorus
And the winds of change were blowing cold that (C1)night Oh

(C1)Interlude Didg (C2) Aminor (C3) Gmajor (D)"No" Solo (V)They were standing on the shore one day Saw the white sails in the sun Wasn't long before they felt the sting White Man White Law White Gun (V)Don't Tell Me That It's justified, 'Somewhere Someone Lied Yeah Well Someone Lied, Someone Lied Genocide Someone Lied Oh

And now you're (B)Chorus (B)Chorus (B)Chorus

Union Maid

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wI7ONJ60DIc

There once was a union maid, who never was afraid
Of goons and ginks and company finks & the stooges who made the raids
She went to the union hall. When a meeting it was called
When the company clowns came around, she Always stood her ground

Chorus

Oh You Can't scare me I'm sticking to the Union I'm sticking to the union I'm sticking to the union Oh You Can't scare me I'm sticking to the Union I'm sticking to the Union till the day I die

This union maid was wise to the tricks of the company spies
She wouldn't be fooled by the bosses rules
She'd organise the guys
She always got her way when they struck for higher pay
When She showed her card to the cops in the yard this is what she'd say

Chorus

There once was a union maid who never was afraid Of sellout rats and bureaucrats who rained on her parade When May Day came around she's solidarity bound Dare to struggle dare to win is a virtue not a sin

Poor Ned

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j9L1E0FS_jl

Chorus

Poor Ned, you're better off dead At least you'll get some peace of mind, You're out on the track They're right on your back, Boy they're 'gonna hang you high

Eighteen hundred and seventy eight
Was the year I remember so well
They put my father in an early grave, Slung my mother in gaol
Now I don't know what's right or wrong,
But they hung Christ on nails
Six kids at home and two still on the breast
They wouldn't even give her bail

Chorus

You know I wrote a letter 'Bout Stringy-Bark Creek So they would understand, I might be a bushranger But I'm not a murdering man I didn't want to shoot Kennedy Or that copper Lonnigan He alone could have saved his life By throwing down his gun

Chorus & Solo

You know they took Ned Kelly
And they hung him in the Melbourne gaol
fought so very bravely, Dressed in iron mail
And no one single-handed
Can make the system sag
It's a million Neds & Nellies Who'll raise the Eureka Flag

May Day Songbook 2025 Leila(Maria, Redgum)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pd1EWSA4P5s

Came from war torn Africa, refugee from warlord fire Millet crops and a bowl of stew Safety's something that you never knew

Straya seemed like a decent place but constant racism you face Casual work won't pay the bills, Kids need shoes, this takes weeks of saving

Daily harassment haunts your sleep, a monster at your heels We can offer tea and sympathy, But can't know how it feels

Chorus

Take your blues to the bottle every Friday night
And drink them all away
Take the world in your hands when the weekend comes
Tomorrow is another day...
Leila, comrade Leila
The blinds are torn and the door's ajar
A sneaking draught, it chills your bones
Leila, you're so far from home

Policeman leers as you walk by, Ugly dial and furtive eyes harassed and stopped again today
And what will come, there's no way of saying

They rob you blind, they suck you dry, You sell your life, they sell you lies Apex gang you hear them say but When you meet them face to face, They turn away...

Its getting harder to make ends meet rising inequality bites, Gaudy Profiteering bosses cashing in without a fight

Chorus

Husband's face is pocked and lined
Pride is shattered, and his rage is blind, Out of work, short of hope
You try to talk but he just won't understand

Chorus 2nd half

But you are not alone

Bump Me Into Parliament

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QZ0lbV2-sDU
10 Choruses Tune 2 verses Solo 1 Verse Tune 2 Verses
1 Solo 1 Coda

I am in the ALP, I believe in revolution. The quickest way to bring it on Is talking constitution.

Chorus

Bump me into Parliament; Bounce me any way. Bump me into Parliament On next election day.

The class war rages on & on I will not pick a winner Once I am in parliament I'll be the bosses spinner.

Chorus

Solo

I am a union bureaucrat, I'm in Bill Shorten's faction Once elected I will give the boss much satisfaction

Chorus

Repeat Tune V1 V2 Solo V3 & Coda

Solidarity Salon

(California Sun Ramones)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-WjrY-zY50

(In)12 Bar Intro

(A1) Solidarity Salon's where I belong Where the socialists are super strong.

(B1) Chorus
They walk (B)I walk
They fight, I fight
They're active, I'm active
They fly, I fly
Socialism is hands on
At the Solidarity Salon

(A2) Giving Capitalism a big jolt Solidarity Salon in revolt

(B)Chorus

(V)Rif over 4 bars and (B3)Solo over Chorus

(A3) We're fighting for a fairer go Dissenting from the status Quo

(B4) Chorus

Repeat From First verse A1 through to Chorus (B4)

Coda Last 4 Bars
Socialism is what's on
At the Solidarity Salon

Petty Bourgeois (Pretty Vacant Sex Pistols)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6GDdKrQ8EI

(In) 20 Bar Intro

(A1) There's No point in asking, you'll get no reply And just remember They'll decide They've got no values and its fake dissent They make decisions without your consent (B1) Chorus

Autocratic, Narcissistic Petty Bourgeois Autocratic, Narcissistic Petty Bourgeois Autocratic, Narcissistic Petty Bourgeois Activists & Volunteers Beware (4 bar break)

(A2 Rpt)Volunteers don't attend 'cos dissent is death Speak out of turn they'll choke your breath Apathy, distraction is tragically real If you stand up – You'll be their next meal

(B1)Chorus

Repeat Verse 1 & 2 with Choruses

(C)They're Petty, Petty Bourgeois They're Petty, Petty Bourgeois They're Petty, Petty Bourgeois They're Petty Petty Bourgeois, Activists & Volunteers Beware

Which Side Are You On

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbddqXib814

Intro - Theme
Come all you good workers, Great news I'll fill you in
Of how our fighting union
Dares to struggle and Dares to win
Chorus
Which side are you on?
Which side are you on now?
Which side are you on?

The government had an idea, Parliament made it law Now it is illegal, For unions to fight at all

Chorus Solo Then Chorus

Bipartisan Anti-union laws, The parliament did pass but It will take much more than a union law To knock the fight from the working class

Chorus

We need a progressive union
A union that fights back
Resisting attacks not selling out
Its Time for Members to change tack

Chorus Solo Then Chorus
Repeat Verses 1 2 3 & 4 with choruses then
Coda Repeat last verse & Chorus

The Red Flag

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHoyoKgRq5U

The Workers flag is deepest red It shrouded oft our martyred dead And ere their limbs grew stiff and cold Their hearts' blood dyed in every fold

Chorus

So raise the scarlet standard high Within its shade we'll live and die Though cowards flinch and traitors sneer We'll keep the red flag flying here

It waved above our infant might When all ahead seemed dark as night It witnessed many a deed and vow We mustn't change its colour now

It well recalls the victories past
It gives the hope of peace at last
The banner bright, the symbol plain
Of human right and human gain

Solo

It suits today the meek and base
Whose minds are fixed on pelf and place
To cringe beneath the rich man's frown
And haul the sacred emblem down

With heads uncovered swear we all To bear it onward 'til we fall Come dungeons dark or gallows grim This song shall be our parting hymn

Get Up Stand Up

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RhJ0q7X3DLM

Chorus

Get Up Stand Up, Stand up for your rights Get Up Stand Up, Don't give up the fight Get Up Stand Up, Stand up for your rights Get Up Stand Up, Don't give up the fight

Verse 1

Capitalism's toxic, out of control
Bosses making squillions from workers they stole
Inequality's rising, to the point of no return
Its time to rise up stop the slash and burn so

Verse 2

You must join the union to have your say A fighting union will always win the day Let's stand united to remove all doubt That our fighting union has got real clout so

Solo

Verse 3

A sellout union is a tragic scourge Colluding with bosses, yellow leaders splurge Its time to organise and make a stand We must put the union in the worker's hand so

Solo 2 then Repeat Verse 3

May Day Songbook 2025 BLF Song

Intro & Tune

We're putting up new buildings, we're knocking down the old We're working in the summer heat and in the winter cold And the labour power we sell now for a hardearned weekly pay Produces mighty profits for the greedy MBA

And whether we were born here or born in Italy
Or Greece or Spain or Africa, in England or Fiji
all of us are workers, united we must stand
Until the wealthy bludgers have been driven from our land

Chorus:

So keep your powder dry – hold your head up high It's class to class and face to face; our limit is the sky We've got a fighting history we never will be cowed A builders' labourer is a name to make a worker proud

We faced deregistration and it backfired in their face We're not fooled by arbitration we won't stay "in our place" We hit the bosses hard and fast to win and keep our gains And break a couple of concrete pours to back our log of claims

Cummo was a mighty unionist, a BL through & through A warrior of the working class, he spoke for me and you He saw through bosses bullshit and never sold us short Dare to struggle, dare to win was the lesson that he taught (Repeat)

Chorus X2

May Day Songbook 2025 Joe Hill

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2OivplOBq8

A1 Tune

Verse 1

A2 A4 I dreamed I saw Joe Hill last night,
Alive as you & me
Ah, "But Joe, you're ten years dead,"
"I never died," says he. "I never died," says he.

Verse 2

A3 And standing there as big as life And smiling with his eyes Says Joe, "What they forgot to kill Went on to organize, Went on to organize."

Verse 3

A4 "Joe Hill ain't dead," he says to me,
"Joe Hill ain't never died.
Where workers are all out on strike
Joe Hill is on their side, Joe Hill is on their side."

Solo (A2)

Verse 4

A1 A3 From the first World, to the third Class struggle we distil Where unions leave no one behind It's there you'll find Joe Hill, It's there you'll find Joe Hill

Diamantina Drover

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7F4gN6twPq4

8 bar Instrumental Intro

Verse 1

The faces in the photograph are faded
And I can't believe they look so much like me
For it's been ten long years today, Since I left for Old Cork Station
Sayin' I won't be back till the drovin's done

Chorus

For the rain never falls on the dusty Diamantina
Drovers find it hard to change their minds
For the years have surely gone, Like the drays from Old Cork Station
And I won't be back till the drovin's done

Verse 2

seems like the sun comes up each mornin'
Sets me up and takes it all away
For the dreaming by the light
Of the campfire at night
Ends with the burning light of day

Chorus

Solo over Verse & Chorus

Verse 3

Sometimes think I'll settle back in Melbourne
But it's been so long and it's hard to change my mind
For the cattle trail goes on and on
And the fences roll forever
And I won't be back when the drovin's done

Chorus

7 bar Instrumental Ending

Workers Seize The Day

(Some Day One Day – The Seekers)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfJ-uI4TfBc

8 bar intro & Tune Chorus(20 bars) & Verse(16 bars)

Chorus Workers seize the Day Revolution's on its way There's a world to win. We Can Workers seize the Day, it's up to you

Verse1

Capitalism, it is so toxic Class War rages all around us Workers rise up, build your power Smash the System. Yes we must, Oh

Chorus

Verse2

We must rebuild our unions Reject the sellouts that betray us If you believe in Workers Power Dare to struggle, dare to win, Oh

Chorus then Solo over Verse Chorus

Verse2

I know you feel discouraged Standing up can be very risky But the struggle, it is building Feel like fighting, feel like winning, Oh

Chorus & Coda

Come Fight The Class War

(Open Up The Pearly Gates – The Seekers)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEs00KAiYL8
Tune Verse (16 bars) Chorus (16 bars)

Verse 1
Listen all of you workers
Now its time to start believing
We have the power in our hands
Join the struggle, stand up
Now's not the time to fear
Cos revolution's near
Fight the mighty class war with me.
Its time to

Chorus

fight the mighty class war
fight the mighty class war
fight the mighty class war with me
Revolution, Revolution
There is a world to win
Capitalism is a sin
Fight the mighty class war with me, with me

At Sign Solo over Verse then chorus

Verse 2
Capitalism is toxic
Its time to save the planet
The working class can win the day
Join the struggle, stand up
Surplus Value makes us poor
We'll show the boss the door
Fight the mighty class war with me, We're gonna
Chorus & Coda V2

We Shall Overcome

(We Shall not be moved – traditional/Seekers https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1iXmul37ss

Tune A12 Repeat 1st Verse) A34 We the Workers We shall overcome

We the Workers We shall overcome

We'll stand as one and win the mighty class war

We Shall Overcome (Repeat 1st Verse)

Verse 2 A5

Karl Marx is our saviour We shall overcome Karl Marx is our saviour We shall overcome We'll stand as one and win the mighty class war We Shall Overcome

Verse 3

We're workers together We shall Overcome We're workers together We shall Overcome We'll stand as one and win the mighty class war We Shall Overcome

Solo

Verse 4

We'll end exploitation We Shall overcome We'll end exploitation We Shall overcome We'll stand as one and win the mighty class war We Shall Overcome

Verse 5

Solidarity with Palestine We shall Overcome Solidarity with Palestine We shall Overcome We'll stand as one and win the mighty class war We Shall Overcome

Repeat 1st Verse to Close

Free Free Palestine

(To Zombie Cranberries)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ejga4kJUts

Verse

Mass Murder War Crimes Daily
Zionists rampage
All this violence will not silence
white-hot global outrage
We all see Barbarity is not de-moc-rac-y
Thousands Dead, Thousands dead
It's so Frightening
US tanks US bombs The West tagging along
Thousands Dead, Thousands dead
So Unenlightening

Chorus B

Thousands Dead, Thousands dead Genocide, Genocide Free Free Palestine Repeat Chorus

Solo C

Repeat ABC Twice through

Nobody Knows the Horror They've Seen

(Nobody Knows the trouble they've seen- Traditional - Seekers) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dAP06iDU3C0

Chorus

Nobody knows the horror they've seen Humanity Knows Palestine sorrow Nobody knows the horror they've seen Genocidal Nakba (Twice First time through)

Palestine is under siege War Crimes, Genocide But Israel is Dutton & Albo's liege War Crimes, Genocide

Israel is a fascist state
War Crimes, Genocide
Albo swallowed the Zionist bait
War Crimes, Genocide
Solo

Death Destruction Israel Bring War Crimes, Genocide But Albo kisses the Zionist ring War Crimes, Genocide

Palestine needs our support
War Crimes, Genocide
But Albo sends weapons to Israel's Port
War Crimes, Genocide

Rebuild The Union

(Part Of The Union – The Strawbs)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJYbFFFZwdE

V1 I'm a union member. Good conditions I remember
I say what I think the service model stinks
But I'm still a union member
They're changing the union rules, the officials think we're fools
With a hell of a pout, They say there's no sellout
Whilst the boss sits back and drools Oh

Chorus

We need a democratic Union
A member driven fighting union
We need a democratic Union
We want it now, We want it now

V2 There's membership decline, the union has no spine Restructure's growing the jobs that are going The boss is doing just fine We used to win the day, but the union's in decay When asked how the union needs to change Members always say Oh

Chorus
Solo (over chorus)

V3 The union crisis is severe, the solution it is clear Rebuild our power to the working hour & every other day of the year The recovery has began, the members have a plan Dare to Struggle Dare to win will put us in the van Oh

Chorus X 2

Political Prisoner (I'm Passenger Iggy Pop)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-fWw7FE9tTo

V1 Julian's a Journalist, Exposing US War Crimes Shining a light on the Rogue State That is called the United States The pentagon's full of toxic snakes Julian exposed their lethal shittakes

V2 Julian's a prisoner, The extradition must fail Collateral Murder did unveil, A very secret unsavoury tale On such an unimaginable scale Atrocious acts that made the world wail Now Julian's rotting in Belmarsh Jail

Chorus

Free Free Free Julian Assange Free Free Free Julian Assange Free Free Free Julian Assange. Political prisoner (Solo V1&2)

V3 Journalism's under attack, Public interest set right back Politicians don't face the flak, For the integrity that they lack Whistleblowers taken aback. Seeing Assange on the rack 175 years to be exact

V4 The world waits for what's next
The West supporting the yankee subtext
Investigative Journalism in check
Accountability more complex
Citizens are far more perplexed
Autocracy is flexed, Drop the extradition is our Text

Chorus X 2
Julian's no criminal

Albo

(Delilah Tom Jones)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGMy88TxXCc&t=9s

V1 The ALP light on the hill is no more under Albo Construction workers Palestine left far behind ALP was my party Inequality rising, I watched & went out of my mind

Chorus

Albo is a Sellout
Construction Union knockout
ALP class traitors in the class war
The working class it just can't take any more

V2 Genocide Death Destruction war crimes in Gaza Zionist rampage supported by ALP Albo sends weapons Zionist monsters have got an MOU

Chorus

Solo over Half V2 then rem V2 Then Chorus

V3 CFMEU was put into administration Union rights, democracy under attack Denied Freedom of Association Safety, conditions, wages all rolled back

Chorus

Coda - The working class it just can't take any more