

May Day Songbook 2026

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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

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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

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Power And The Passion(Oils)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izq5miONBhw&list=RDizq5miONBhw&start_radio=1

(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

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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 bourgeoisie 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

She's not Bourgeois, no, no, no

She's not Bourgeois, no, no, no

She's not Bourgeois, no, no, no

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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 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 x3

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
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For the working class

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US Forces(Oils)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= VxBMacKp7g>

(In) Opening 8 X 2 Bars

(In 2nd)US Forces get the nod,
it's a setback for democracy
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

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Solid Rock(Goanna)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tSNxFGW09Mo&list=RDtSNxFGW09Mo&start_radio=1

(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
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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

(A2)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

(B2)Chorus

Autocratic, Narcissistic Petty Bourgeois

Activists & Volunteers Beware (4 bar break)

Repeat Verse 1 & 2 with Choruses with 2 extra lines

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

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Which Side Are You On

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

Intro - Theme - Verse & Chorus

Verse 1 A1

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?

Which side are you on now?

Which side are you on?

Verse 2 A2 Then Chorus B2

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

Solo over Verse(3A) Then Chorus

Verse 3

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

Verse 4- At the Sign

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

Solo over A2 then chorus

Repeat **Verse 4** Then Chorus then Coda

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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

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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

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BLF Song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1QPSWQAcKB8&list=RD1QPSWQAcKB8&start_radio=1

Chorus & Intro

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 hard earned 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

Solo over Verse at Sign Then Verses 3 & 4

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

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Joe Hill

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

Tune A1

Verse 1 A2

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 A1

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 A2

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 A5 A3

Verse 4 A4 A5

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

At Coda - Joe's on The Workers Side

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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 drovins 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

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Workers Seize The Day

(Some Day One Day – The Seekers)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfJ-ul4TfBc>

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

Verse3

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

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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

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We Shall Overcome

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

Tune A1

Verse 1 A2

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 Chorus A3)

Verse 2 A4

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 A5

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 Sign A1

Verse 4 A2

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 A3

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 A4 A5 -3

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Free Free Palestine

(To Zombie Cranberries)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ejga4kJUts>

Verse A

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

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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 The Tories & 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

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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

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Political Prisoner (The 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 Free Julian Assange
Free Free Free Free Julian Assange
Free 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

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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

Rpt Verse 3

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

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Its Not My Party

Its My Party Lesley Gore

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjdH_Nmm00I&t=5s

Chorus

It's Not My Party, ALP It is rotten
ALP's Rotten, ALP's Rotten
Inequality rules & the Bosses just Drool

Verse 1

Albo & Penny are swanning along
AUKUS is their big thing
They went to W-a-shing-ton
Licking Mr Trump's ring

Chorus

Verse 2

Corruption commission we thought it was fine.
The ALP brought it in
Corruption barrels along
The crooks carry on with a grin

Chorus

Solo

Verse 3

Genocide in Gaza goes on and on
ALP is complicit
Albo's a Zionist fan
A Zionista fuckwit

Then Repeat from the top to Coda which is 2 Choruses to close

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Its Illegal

Lesley Gore you Don't own me

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYB1rbL8EHo&list=RDOYB1rbL8EHo&start_radio=1

Verse 1

Its illegal

Zionist rampage is Genocide

Its illegal

America came along for the ride

Chorus

Don't Say that War is Fine

Don't Say War's justified

The Western World is in denial

Imperialism is on display

Verse 2

Its illegal

Arab civilians are under attack

Its illegal

Blood For Oil is a Cul De Sac

Chorus

C Section

Weapons of Mass Destruction 2.0

The Americans attack with graceless glee

Bombing Hospitals and the girls' school

It's all so terrorbly horrorbly cruel ah

Solo over Verse then Chorus

Goto Sign Rpt V1 Chorus V2 Chorus Then Solo

Chorus & Coda with Verse 1 opening lines 4

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Fatal Fruit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-zgHLvpfQU0>

Intro

Zionism bears a fatal fruit
Blood on its leaves Blood at the root
Arab bodies burning in the Middle East
Fatal Fruit an apartheid genocidal Feast

Nakba scenes 1948 to now
Palestinians staunch & unbowed
The sounds of Zion its rotten stench
And the sight of murdered Flesh

Here is the fruit that the Zionists pluck
Their apologists dither Zion runs amok
Arabs Bombed and shot
Zionism Drops
Its flawed & fatal Crop

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War Criminal

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YR1zvvysdB8>

Intro & Verse instrumental

Chorus X2

War Criminal, Where You Gonna Run To
 War Criminal, Where You Gonna Run To
 War Criminal, The whole world's watching
 You're Gonna pay

Verse 1

Genocide Death & Destruction X3
 You're Gonna pay

Complicity is a war crime X3
 You're Gonna pay

Chorus Then Verse 2
 ICC's got you in their gun sites X3
 You're Gonna pay

Citizens are not combatants
 Journalists are not combatants
 Medical staff are not combatants
 You're gonna pay

Chorus Solo over Verse Then Chorus then Verse 3

The World demands justice for Palestine X3
 We want it now

Genocide is a war crime X3
 It must stop now

Chorus X2 Then Ending
 War Criminal, War Criminal, War Criminal War Criminal