SOLIDARITY FOREVER

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(new verses: 2. Bonnie Lockhart; 5. Steve Suffet)

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!

   CHORUS: Solidarity forever (3x). For the union makes us strong.

2. We’re in high schools and in childcare and in elementary schools
   We have suffered long from cutbacks, but we will not suffer fools
   Education will be funded when we fight to change the rules
   And we make our unions strong!

3. 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!

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

5. 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!

6. 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!

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