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Forty Thousand names  
wanted to break those  
chains,  
When they dragged  
Honest John to the  
Tower.  
And the streets threw up  
this bloody cry.....

Chorus

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**SeaGreen Singers  
(Oxford)  
Songbook for Levellers Day -  
Version 2, limited singers  
May 20th 2017**

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**Lyrics & Song sheets**

For scores in musical notation and mp3 sound files of  
the choral parts for these songs look at the SeaGreen  
Singers website: [www.seagreensingers.com](http://www.seagreensingers.com)

The Seagreen Singers are a group based  
in Oxford singing songs to change the  
world about peace, protest, environment,  
feminism.

The SeaGreen Singers is named after the  
colour of the ribbons worn by the Levellers,  
a radical movement in Cromwell's Model  
Army. The Levellers believed in equality for  
all, justice, and human rights.

All are welcome to join, you don't need  
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## **Internationale**

Traditional version (1871)  
with verse 2 by Levellers day  
committee, May 16th 2015

1. Arise ye workers  
[starvelings] from your  
slumbers  
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  
We'll change forthwith  
[henceforth] the old  
conditions [tradition]  
And spurn the dust to win  
the prize.

### *Chorus:*

So comrades, come rally  
And the last fight let us  
face  
The Internationale unites  
the human race. x2

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2. No more deluded by  
reaction  
On tyrants only we'll  
make war  
The soldiers too will take  
strike action  
They'll break ranks and  
fight no more  
And if those cannibals  
keep trying  
To sacrifice us to their  
pride  
They soon shall hear the  
bullets flying  
We'll shoot the generals  
on our own side.

3. No saviour from on  
high delivers  
No faith have we in  
prince or peer  
Our own right hand the  
chains must shiver  
Chains of hatred, greed  
and fear  
E'er the thieves will out  
with their booty [give up  
their booty]  
And to all give a happier  
lot.  
Each [those] at the forge  
must do his [their] duty

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We are gay and straight  
together,  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives  
We are gay and straight  
together,  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives

We are anti-nuclear  
people,  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives  
We are anti-nuclear  
people,  
and we are singing,  
singing for our lives

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### 13. Which side are you on

(as per song-book, maybe pitched a tone lower) *[all parts joining in one by one for intro]*

a. Which side are you,  
Which side are you  
Come all of you good  
people, You women and  
you men  
Once more our backs are  
to the wall, we're being  
attacked again

b. Which side are you,  
Which side are you  
Don't scab for the  
bosses, Don't listen to  
their lies,  
Us workers haven't got a  
chance, Unless we  
organise

c. Which side are you,  
Which side are you  
We fought a million  
battles, To defend our  
hard won rights

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We're going to have to  
fight again, And I ask you  
here [tonight]

d. Which side are you,  
Which side are you  
It's time for a decision,  
And you really have to  
choose  
Defend the workers'  
struggle, Or the next in  
line is you

### Extra Misc. songs

#### Rolling Home

*by John Tams*

Round goes the wheel of  
fortune. Don't be afraid to  
ride.

There's a land of milk  
and honey waits on the  
other side.

There'll be peace and  
there'll be plenty. You'll  
never need to roam.  
When we go rolling  
home, when we go rolling  
home.

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But time is marching on  
our side,  
We will defeat the years,  
We will defeat the years

Speak with one voice, we  
march we rest,  
And march again upon  
the years  
Sons of our sons are  
listening,  
To hear the Chartist  
cheers  
Oh, to hear the Chartists  
cheers

### 3. Climate sceptic

(to the tune of 'What shall  
we do with the drunken  
sailor)

Chorus (harmony)  
What can you do with a  
climate sceptic (x3)  
If they won't shut up?

Verses (unison)

a. Tie up their assets in  
coastal property (x3)  
Rising expectations!  
Chorus....

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b. Put 'em in a desert  
and ration their water  
(x3)  
We'll see how they like it!  
Chorus....

c. Take 'em to the Arctic  
and make 'em tread  
water (x3)  
'Mongst the polar bears!  
Chorus....

d. Lock 'em in a room  
with nothing but money  
(x3)  
See what good it does  
them!  
Chorus....

e. Make 'em explain to  
their children's children  
(x3)  
(very slowly) Why they  
didn't care.

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## 10. Tom Paine's Bones

verses sung in unison by all, and the chorus in harmony.

a. (Bass) As I dreamed out one evening,  
By a river of discontent,  
I bumped straight into old Tom Paine,  
As a-running down the road he went,  
He said, "I can't stop right now, my son, King George is after me,  
He'll have a rope around my throat  
And hang me on the Liberty Tree"

Chorus  
And I will dance to Tom Paine's bones,  
Dance to Tom Paine's bones,  
Dance in the oldest boots I own  
To the rhythm of Tom Paine's bones.

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b. (Sops) He said "I just spoke about freedom,  
And justice for everyone,  
Ever since the very first word I spoke  
I've been looking down the barrel of a gun,  
Well they say I preached revolution,  
Let me say in my defence  
That all I did wherever I went  
Was to talk a lot of common sense."

Chorus

c. (Bass) Well, old Tom Paine he ran so fast,  
He left me standing still,  
And there I was, a piece of paper in my hand,  
And standing at the top of the hill.  
(Unison)  
It said, "This is the Age Of Reason,  
And these are The Rights Of Man,  
Kick off religion and monarchy"

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We have our defences.  
We have our defences.  
You say we're only women, But we are not afraid  
We have our defences.  
Our tongues are sharp as blades, Hey

d. You men rich and boastful, The pride of all the nation,  
Forget your self-importance, forget your self-importance  
You men rich and boastful, The pride of all the nation,  
Forget your self-importance, And make a big donation

## 6 . Never turning back

Parts distributed to suit voices: Sopranos singing the top line, Altos singing the second line, an octave lower, Bass singing the bass line

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a. We're gonna keep on walking forward (x3)  
Never Turning Back  
  
b. We're gonna keep on singing loudly (x3)  
Never Turning Back  
  
c. We're gonna keep on singing loudly (x3)  
Never Turning Back  
  
d. We're gonna keep on loving boldly (x3)  
Never Turning Back  
  
e. We're gonna work for change together (x3)