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Wave Bye Bye to PFI!

Tune - Hokey Cokey, Liverpool Socialist Singers

1. They take our taxes in,
our taxes out
They give them to the
bankers
And they shake 'em all
about
They build us all a hospital
and keep the change
That's why we want them
out! (OUT!)

Chorus:
Ohhhhh- Tories are
pollution!
Weeve got a cool solution!
Singer*
Briiiiing on the revolution!
Wave bye bye to P-F-I!

2. They take our taxes in,
our taxes out
They give them to the
bankers
And they shake 'em all
about
They build us an academy
and keep the change

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That's why we want them
out! (OUT!)

Chorus:
3. They take our taxes in,
our taxes out
They give them to the
bankers
And they shake 'em all
about
They build us all a library
and keep the change
That's why we want them
out! (OUT!)

Chorus:
4. Well it's high street
banks and multinationals
too
They're making loads of
money
Out of me and out of you
But if we stand together we
can make a change
That's how we'll get them
out! (OUT!)

Chorus:

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**SeaGreen Singers
(Oxford)**

Political Songbook for Levellers Day - May 16th 2015

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Lyrics & Song sheets

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The Seagreen Singers are a group based in
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about peace, protest, environment, feminism.

The SeaGreen Singers is named after the
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The Levellers believed in equality for all,
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Singing For Our Lives (We are the Oxford SGS)

We are the Oxford
SeaGreen Singers
and we are singing, singing
for our lives

We are the Oxford
SeaGreen Singers,
and we are singing, singing
for our lives

We are a gentle angry
people,
We are a justice seeking
people,
We are a land of many
colours,
We are gay and straight
together,
We are anti-nuclear
people,

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The Levellers Day Song

1. All: They fought for world
where all people could be
free, They fought in the
Civil War

Tenors: To end the power
of the Monarchy

Others: ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.

All: Seeking justice for all
be sure,

Bass: As the war went on
the rules seemed to
change and the generals
words were lies,

Others: Levellers marching,
levellers marching,
levellers marching, ooh

Sops: We gathered and
grew, one thousand strong

Others: We shall not give
up the fight, we shall not
give the fight,

All: One vote a'piece our
cry, One vote a'piece our
cry

2. All: Together we
marched as strong as the
sea, sea-green was the
colour of our standard

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SeaGreen Singers (Oxford) NHS Songs

Bankers Song

*tune: We do like to be beside
the seaside, lyrics Bridget
Walker*

1. Oh, we do like to demonise
the bankers,
Oh, we do like to criticise the
banks,
Oh we do like to sing how they
are wrong, wrong, wrong,
and pour scorn on them in our
song, song, song.
But it's not just enough to blame
the bankers
and hold up to shame their
grubby pranks,
though they're maggots, though
they're cankers,
in the ship of state, the bankers
are just one rotten, stinking
plank.

2. For we all know the ship of
state is sinking,
Sabotaged by the public sector
cuts.
Let us all sing loudly in our
song, song, song
Cutting jobs and services is
wrong, wrong, wrong.
It's the fat cats not the state that
should be shrinking,

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Are there any politicians with
the guts,
To start thinking, stop the
winking
Over fraud, expose the stinking
Compromises of ifs and buts?

3. For we all know we need a
revolution
which we all are invited to
arrange.
Let us all sing proudly in our
song, song, song
That the time has come to right
each wrong, wrong, wrong
Yes, we all know we need a
revolution,
We all know the time has come
for change,
Be part of the solution,
Work for revolution,
Come and join us to fight
(march) for change.

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Extra Songs for Levellers

The Diggers Song - Gerrard Winstanley

Bass and Alto sing tune

1. (*Unison*) You noble
Diggers all, stand up now,
stand up now,
You noble Diggers all,
stand up now!

The wasteland to maintain,
seeing cavaliers by name
Your digging do disdain,
and persons all defame,
Stand up now, stand up
now!

2. (*Harmony*) Your houses
they pull down, stand up
now, stand up now,
Your houses they pull
down, stand up now!
Your houses they pull
down, to fright poor men in
town,
But the gentry must come
down, and the poor shall
wear the crown, Stand up
now Diggers all!

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3. (*Unison*) 'Gainst lawyers
and 'gainst priests, stand
up now, stand up now,
'Gainst lawyers and 'gainst
priests, stand up now!
For tyrants they are both,
even flat against their oath,
To grant us they are loath,
free meat and drink and
cloth, Stand up now, stand
up now!

4. (*Harmony*) With spades
and hoes and ploughs,
stand up now, stand up
now,
With spades and hoes and
ploughs, stand up now!
Your freedom to uphold,
seeing cavaliers are bold
To kill you if they could,
your rights from you to
hold,
Stand up now, stand up
now.

I want Rosa to stay

1. Hello Rosalita, well I
know your name
I've learned to pronounce it
again and again

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8. While waiting lists, are
getting longer.

We're told that cuts are
needed, cuts to nurses
NOW! NOW! NOW!
Stop the sale of NHS, And
we need to do it now.

9. We need to wake up, we
need to rise up,
we need to open up our
eyes and do it Now, Now,
Now
Ch: We need to build, the
NHS, and we need to start
right now.

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Bella Ciao - We are Singing Against War

1. Oh we are singing
against war makers, Oh
Bella Ciao, Bella Ciao,
Bella Ciao, Ciao, Ciao
(obc bc bccc)

2. Oh we are singing
against war makers, And
we want to stop them now
2. Oh we are singing for
bread and justice,
(obc bc bccc)

Oh we are singing for
bread and justice, And we
want to stop them now

3. Oh we are singing
against all tyrants,
(obc bc bccc)
Oh we are singing against
all tyrants, And we want to
stop them now

4. Oh we are singing for
peace and freedom, (obc
bc bccc)
Oh we are singing for
peace and freedom, And
we'll not be silenced now

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We will fight on

(from Amen Siakudumisa)

*Top voice: We'll fight on
.....We'll fight on*

We will fight on against the cuts x2

We will fight on, We will fight on

We will fight on against the cuts

Top voice: We won't pay

We will not pay the bankers debts x2

We will not pay x2

We will not pay the bankers debts

Top voice: The poorest

Why should the poorest foot the bill x2

Why should the poor x2

Why should the poorest foot the bill x2

Top voice: The NH

We will defend the NHS x2

We will defend x2

We will defend the NHS

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Top voice: Resist them

Top voice: Why blame them

Why must the migrants get the blame
getting the blame x2 etc

Top voice: We'll fight on

We will fight on against the cuts x2

We will fight on, We will fight on

We will fight on against the cuts

What the papers say

- Bridget Walker, April 2013

Don't Believe What You

Read in the Papers

Bridget Walker words, F

Reneau music, S. Westcott

arr. 2013

*Low voices only sing words
in bold*

1. They say that we're scroungers

They say that we shirk

We're skivers, not strivers,

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Our children's future is not for selling

(obc bc bccc)

Our children's future is not for selling

They all have the right to learn

Oh we are singing for education

Bella Ciao etc.

We are singing for

education education

Everybody's right to learn

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Bella Ciao - We are Singing Against the Fascists

They try to split us, and be suspicious.

and say without the strangers then we'd all have MORE, MORE, MORE.

But we all know, who'se got the dough.

And it's not the likes of us.

The lies they tell, the EDL
Are setting brother against brother, We say NO, NO, NO.

We're all of colour and we're all brothers.

And we'll go from strength to strength.

Break 'em on Down

by Harmony Grisman

Break 'em on down,

Break 'em on down

these walls between us

Break 'em on down

Break 'em on

down these walls between us

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We Got Fooled Again

Lester Simpson

verses 1 and 4: Men sing words in bold, women sing rest, unison: bold + italic

1. In the name of progress,
we believe the lies
and get the same old shite,
just different flies
A different rosette, **but**
nothing seems to change
Another dame another
knighthood, **we got fooled**
again

Chorus - 4 part harmony
We got fooled again,
nobody gives a cuss,
no jobs no factories we
dont even make a fuss
Dignity and caring, or
simple profit and gain,
I think you know the
answer, we got fooled
again

verses 2 and 3: Parts not singing words sing 'Ooh'

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2. **sop -In the name of freedom, you lock and bolt the door**

tenor - In the name of justice you administer the law

sop - In the name of liberty, innocence is chained

tenor - Extra ordinary rendition, we got fooled again

3. **sop - In the name of god, you justify your cause**

tenor - In the name of peace, you fan the flames of war

sop - You do the devils work, in your prophets name

tenor - You only read what you want to see, we got fooled again

4. In the name of profit,
markets rise and fall
When they're up you get a
pittance,
when they're down you get sod all

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Bringing Peace/Salaam

Sop, alto, tenor

1. Bringing peace is on our shoulders x3, on everyone.
repeat line twice

Salaam for us and for all of the world, salaam, salaam, x2

2. *Arabic* - Wazheebah lay-nahneh nah zheeb x3, ah salaam
repeat line twice

Salaam, leh-nah wa ley kul-ah ah lam, salaam, salaam, x2

3. *Hebrew* - Od ya vo shalom a-lay-nu x3, vey al-ku-lam.

repeat line twice

Salaam a-lay-nu vey al-kol-ha-o-lam, shalom, salaam, x2

Bass

Bringing peace, bringing peace, on every one
repeat line twice

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Salaam for us and for all of the world, salaam, salaam, x2

Wazheeb al-lah, wazheeb al-lah, ah salaam
repeat line twice
Salaam, leh-nah wa ley kul-ah ah lam, salaam, salaam, x2

Od ya vo Od ya vo, vey al-ku-lam.

repeat line twice

Salaam a-lay-nu vey al-kol-ha-o-lam, shalom, salaam, x2

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Tory Boys Picnic

*(tune: Teddy Bears' picnic,
words: Liverpool Socialist
Singers)*

If you go out for a walk
today
You'd better not catch a
cold
You'll end up going to
hospital
And finding that it's been
sold
The government's cut the
National Health
And sold it off to private
wealth
Today's the day we're
gathering for a fightback.

Boom time now for
companies
The private sector spivs
are having a lovely time
today
Public sector wages freeze
And lots of jobs for them to
take away
We won't let our service die
You told a lie, that's why
We're making a lot of noise

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Your time is up, Grim
Reaper is coming
To take you all away
Because you're sick little
Tory boys

All health workers who
have been good
Are in for a big surprise
When every part of the
NHS
Will vanish before their
eyes.
They'll have to watch their
patients die
While PFI is pie in the sky
Today's the day we're
gathering for a fightback

Boom time now for
companies
The private sector spivs
are having a lovely time
today
Public sector wages freeze
And lots of jobs for them to
take away
We won't let our service die
You told a lie, that's why
We're making a lot of noise
Your time is up, Grim
Reaper is coming

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Chorus x 2 repeating final
'And if you're one of them
bugger you'

Class War

Chorus:

Class War, what's it for?
It's for the poor, it's for the
poor (repeat indefinitely)

Verses (select)

1. Have you been to Barton,
have you been to Blackbird
Leys?

There's massive parts of
Oxford that the tourist never
sees

And throughout the city,
hidden out of sight,
There are children who are
hungry, and who are cold at
night

2. This happens here in
Oxford, right here in Oxford
town,

Where welfare cuts and
sanctions keep the poorest
people down

And prices, rents and
housing keep costing more
and more

But many Oxford citizens are
seriously poor, so ...

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3. Elite eat at high table, and
give their god the thanks,
The system makes the poor
depend on charity food
banks;
Some deny necessity to
redistribute wealth -
The poor must fight each day
for food and home and
warmth and health

4. There's lots of jobs with
agencies who give you zero
hours;
They disenfranchise workers
boosting private sector
powers.
The gap between the poor
and the richest one per cent
Makes the wealthy harder-
hearted while for poor all
hope is spent

5. Poor families have to move
if they can't pay bedroom tax
While someone pays a
million for a second home he
lacks.
The rich have grander
entrances into their brand
new flats

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**Singing For Our Lives
(We are the Oxford
SeaGreen Singers)**

Holly Near, arr: Ian Stirling

We are the Oxford
SeaGreen Singers
and we are singing, singing
for our lives

We are the Oxford
SeaGreen Singers,
and we are singing, singing
for our lives

We are a gentle angry
people,
and we are singing, singing
for our lives

We are a gentle angry
people,
and we are singing, singing
for our lives

We are a justice seeking
people,
and we are singing, singing
for our lives

We are a justice seeking
people,
and we are singing, singing
for our lives

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We are a land of many
colours,
and we are singing, singing
for our lives

We are a land of many
colours,
and we are singing, singing
for our lives

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

Siya Hamba
(We are Singing in the
Name of Peace)

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3. Too real is his feeling of
make believe,
Too real when we feel what
his spin can't conceal.

4. Yes, he's the great
defamer (oo ee oo ee oo)
Defaming all those
unemployed (oo ee oo ee
oo)
As benefit cheats who
should have to compete
For the few jobs he hasn't
destroyed.

5. Yes, he's the great
divider (oo
ee oo ee oo)
Dividing the country in two,
(oo ee oo ee oo)
We've been here before,
George, so don't blame the
poor, George
Make the same rules for
me, as for you.
Make the same rules for
me, as for you.

6. Too real is his feeling of
make believe
Too real when we feel what
his grin can't conceal.

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(ooh, ooh, ooh
etc.....[key change] ooh,
ooh, ooh etc.)

7. Yes, he's the great Con-
Dem-er (oh Georgy Porgy)
Condemning and taxing the
poor (oh Georgy Porgy)
He stockpiles the wealth as
they privatise health
We pay and they take even
more.

8. Yes, he's the great
pretender (oh Georgy
Porgy)
Pretending that he's being
fair (oh Georgy Porgy)
Prosperity for the few, but
austerity for you
He's a Tory so why should
he care?
He's a Tory so why should
he care?

George Osborne.

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**Oh we do like to
demonise the bankers:
See 'Bankers Song'**

Oh Mr Cameron

1. Oh Mr Cameron, what
can I do
I never voted Tory but I
ended up with you
You and Nick together,
he's eating out your hand
Like a little puppy dog
obeying your command
(ch. tune) Oh Mr Cameron,
you may be stinking rich
That doesn't make it fair to
throw our healthcare in the
ditch
Pawn it all for profit and it
isn't hard to guess
We'll rot away if we can't
pay: hands off our NHS!

*start humming Bandiera
Rossa verse tune:*

2 . Oh Mr Cameron I've
often heard you say
We're all in this together,
we'll all suffer the same
way.

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Your cuts are for the poor,
tax breaks for millionaires
Your words dont seem to
match your deeds, We all
know its not fair

(chorus tune without hum)

Oh Mr Cameron I know
what I'll do
We'll have a revolution and
we will get rid of you
You and all your cronies
banished from the land
We'll have the workers run
the show, now wouldn't
that be grand

*sing Bandiera Rossa
verse words, not too loud,
along with verse 2
repeated:*

1. Avanti popolo, a la
rescossa,
Bandiera rossa, bandiera
rossa
Avanti popolo, a la
rescossa,
Bandiera rossa trionfera.

All sing chorus:
Bandiera rossa la trionfera,
bandiera rossa la trionfera,

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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

2. No more deluded by
reaction
On tyrants only we'll make

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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
And strike the iron while it's
hot

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Ode to Privatisation,

Use same tune for verses 1, 2 and 4

1. M: (Boom, boom, continues through 1st verse)

W: Well, they've privatised gas and they've privatised phones

They've privatised water and they've privatised our homes

They wanna make a profit any way they can In the name of efficiency

Chorus:

M: Oh profit W: nani nani nani na,

M : they want profit W: nani nani nani na

M: Oh I wonder where it goes, W: Oh, heaven only knows.

M Oh profit W: nani nani nani na

M: lots of profit W: nani nani nani na

All : But it's not for you or me

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W: nani nani nani nani nani nani na.

2. M: They're trying to privatise health,

W: they wanna privatise schools. M: They're privatising benefits

W: and changing all the rules. All: Competition's healthy, or so they say, But not for the workers' pay.

Chorus (same format)

Oh, profit (naninananina), lovely profit

(naninananina)

For the pockets of the few while there's millions on the dole queue.

Profit (naninananina), still more profit

(naninananina)

But it's not for you or me.

New tune (What a wonderfulworld? - unison):

3. Empower the consumer we've oft heard it said;

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And Rosa's the one that you hope we'll pursue
So we won't go pointing the finger at you

[We want Rosa to stay
We want Rosa to stay
We want Rosa to stay
Not just today
Or tomorrow
But forever] x2

NHS - SOS

1. There's not much time, dial 9-9-9,
The NHS is on the line.
They'll make us pay, if now we fail.
the NHS is not for sale

Chorus

Nah nee nah, nee nar nee nah. Nee nah nee nah nee nha no.
Nah nee nah, nee har nee nah. Nee nah nee nah no

2. And so by stealth, our National Health,
Is being hived off to the wealthiest.

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So make some noise, and raise your voice, because we have a choice

3. It nursed my Gran, it saved my man, it was there where I began
It helped me mend, it eased the end,
the NHS we must defend.

4. It should stay free, at point of need,
For our children and their families.
So no more lies, don't privatise,
The NHS is yours and mine.

Chorus x2

Repeat chorus with Alto singing 'bon bon bon...for 4 bars on the off-beat, others nah nee nah then two bars of all 'nah nee nah nee nah nee nah nee nah nee nah no then sop: beep - beep x4 then continuous beep