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in bold):

**32 - We are the Oxford Sea Green
Singers (Gentle, angry people, Red
and green together)**
Becky gives a welcome
**12 - Fight the cuts (no-one, self-
explanatory)**
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**16 - It's the same the whole world
over (no-one, self-explanatory)**
27 -We're all in this together Pete

Becky gives a thanks and 'come and
join us!'

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Tenors: But we'd not take
part in that Irish killing
spree,
Others: ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.
All: We strode towards
Oxford.
Bass: We stopped for to
rest, that's where we were
caught out, Took refuge in
the church at Burford.
Others: Levellers marching,
levellers marching,
levellers marching, ooh
Sops: Three days with no
hope, we carved our
names
Others: We shall not give
up the fight, we shall not
give the fight,
All: Then Fairfax shot us
dead, He shot three
levellers dead

3. All: We were known as
the levellers, a name for
which we're proud, Our
belief that we all are equal.
Tenors: The levellers we
were then, and levellers we
are now,
Others: ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.

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All: We work for the good
of all.
Bass: We speak 'gainst
injustice for for those who
have no voice, we'll stand
in all situations.
Others: Levellers marching,
levellers marching,
levellers marching, ooh,
Sops: Remembering all
those who've died for this
cause
Others: We shall not give
up the fight, we shall not
give the fight,
All: The struggle carries on.
The levellers carry on.

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Bella Ciao - Sing for the NHS

1. We need to wake up,
we need to rise up,
We need to open up our
eyes and do it
NOW! NOW! NOW!
We need to build the NHS,
And we need to start right
now.

2. Pri - va - tis - a - tion.
An ab - -er - a - -tion
We've got to stop it, put a
sock in it, right
NOW! NOW! NOW!
We need to build the NHS,
And we need to start right
now.

3. T T I P, Is not for me.
Its for companies to profit
and to TAKE! TAKE!
TAKE!
We need to build the NHS,
And we need to start right
now.

4. No point in waiting or
hesitating,

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We must get wise, stop
PFI's and do it
NOW! NOW! NOW!
We need to build the NHS
And we need to start right
now.

5. We need to wake up, we
need to rise up,
We need to open up our
eyes, don't privatize,
NOW! NOW!
Stop the sale of NHS, And
we need to do it now.

6. The cheapest service, in
any country,
and that is free and we
must see that's how it
stays,
NOW! NOW!
Stop the sale of NHS, And
we need to do it now.

7. If you don't choose it,
then you will lose it
To all the big company
vultures who will pounce
NOW! NOW!
Stop the sale of NHS, And
we need to do it now.

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For I got to know you and I
know you well
So I don't believe all the
tales that they tell
No I don't believe
Rosalita's a threat
Or that she's a strain on
the national debt
For Rosa has spirit and
courage galore
To brave every ocean and
land on this shore
Chorus
I want Rosa to stay
I want Rosa to stay
I want Rosa to stay
Not just today
Or tomorrow
But forever

2. Well I've read the
headlines in papers I've
bought
The panic that passes as
rational thought
Written by peddlars of
falsehood and fear
Who say it's a problem that
Rosa is here.
They want to make Roasa
their next deportee

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Saying she takes resouces
intended for me
And rich men in mansions
say that's why I'm poor
But I don't remember being
wealthy before.
Chorus

3. So I won't be swayed by
the things that you say
Cos I understand why you
play it this way
For I see a world that is
owned by the few
And run in your interest to
benefit you
So if we get angry at what
we obtain
You need someone easy to
carry the blame
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

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Bella Ciao - Sing for the climate

1. We need to wake up, we need to rise up,
We need to open up our eyes and do it
NOW! NOW! NOW!
We need to build a better future, And we need to start right now.

2. We're on a planet that has a problem,
We've got to solve it, get involved and do it
NOW! NOW! NOW!
We need to build a better future,
And we need to start right now.

3. Make it greener, make it cleaner, Make it last, make it fast and do it
NOW! NOW! NOW!
We need to build a better future,
And we need to start right now.

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4. No point in waiting or hesitating,
We must get wise, take no more lies and do it
NOW! NOW! NOW!
We need to build a better future,
And we need to start right now.

Bella Ciao - We are Singing For Education

Oh we are singing for education, (obc bc bccc)
We are singing for Everybody's right to learn

The private sponsors are "not for profit"
(obc bc bccc)
They say the sponsors are "not for profit"
But what do their directors earn?

Where is the power? who makes decisions?
(obc bc bccc)
Where is the power? who makes decisions?
It's the local people's turn

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But - where is the work?

Chorus: Don't believe what you read in the papers
Don't believe what they say in the press
Those horrid stories, spread by the Tories
Have landed us in this mess

2. They say the disabled are benefit cheats:
They're faking, and making us pay for their treats

Chorus

3. They say every migrant and each refugee is lying; denying the danger they flee

Chorus

4. And now they are saying that Thatcher was great;
Milk snatcher, who fractured the fabric of state.

Chorus

5. It's high time to challenge

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those insults and lies
resisting, insisting
free people, arise.

Don't believe what you read in the papers
Tell what You believe to the press
The more and more we publish our story
the sooner we'll clear the mess
yes together we'll clear the mess.

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Big NHS Rip Off

*Based on Big Yellow Taxi
by Joni Mitchell
Arr. Wendy Sergeant,
words Steve Timmins*

Down da down, down down
da down x 4
Ooo la la la la, Ooo la la la
la

Don't sell our NHS to
private companies
With bosses earning
millions
But nurses on a pay freeze

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what
you've got 'til it's gone
Save our NHS 'cos we
can't pay for the lot
Ooo la la la la, Ooo la la la
la

They'll put all the GPs and
nurses in a mausoleum
And charge all the people
fifty quid just to see 'em

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Don't it always seem to go
etc ..

Hey manager, drop your
calculator now
Give me a doctor to see,
and tell 'em I'm not a cash
cow

Don't it always seem to go
etc ..

Late last night I heard an
ambulance door slam
I hope the A&E
department's got a bed for
my old man

Don't it always seem to go
etc ..

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what
you've got 'til it's gone ..

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You're laid off and down
sized,
left out in the rain
But the boss gets a bonus,
we got fooled again

We're all in this together

1. The poor must pay the
bankers, while the rich get
off scot-free
Its what you should
remember when you pay
your VAT

'Cause we're all in this
together, with the bosses
and billionaires
Yes, we're all in this
together, 'cept we pay the
lion's share.

2. The poor must pay the
bankers, while the rich get
off scot-free
Yes, that's the real
meaning of this 'Big
Society'

'Cause we're ail in this
together, with the cabinet
millionaires
Yes, we're all in this
together, but we pay the
lion's share.

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3. I tell you we're
regressing back to those
days of old,
When the poor and the
disabled were left out in the
cold,
But "We're all in this
together", yes, that is what
they boast,
But they always seem to
scapegoat those who need
the help the most.

4. We don't need
competition within the
National Health,
It's simply part of Tory
plans to privatise by
stealth,
No, we all must work
together for the common
good of all,
Yes, we all must work
together 'gainst the super-
rich in Whitehall,

Coda

'Cause we're all in this
together 'gainst the cabinet
millionaires,
Yes, we'll fight them all
together, so they pay the
lion's share.

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Bugger the bankers

Suzy Davis; perf. Austerity Allstars

1. When I was a lass I was proud of my class like me father and mother before me

They taught me to fight for my civil rights, but it's always the same old story
The rich reign supreme while the poor can but dream under labour or liberal or tory - And I say:

Chorus: Bugger the bankers and politicians, bugger the bureaucrats too
Bugger the buggers who make up the rules, [and if your one of them bugger you] x2

Alternative chorus for the NHS:

Bugger the buyers and PFI'ers, Bugger those selling the NHS!

F'you can't see through T-T I P, then too, I say you're one of them - bugger you.

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2. The system is bent and the moneys all spent, we're badgererd from every direction

The workers get taxed while the wealthy relax, with nary a moments reflection

*Where there's muck there's brass and they don't give an arse 'cos we're programmed against insurrection.

* *alternative:* where there's brass there's muck and they don't give a f**ck

3. Now all you good people with passion to vent, don't give up the struggle for justice

But I've done my time on the protesters line and these days I show my dissent

**By active disobedience

** *original:* By loitering within my tent

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To take you all away,
Because you're sick little Tory
Sad little Tory, Cruel little Tory Boys

Vote the bastards out

Stephoner Tubener 2004 and Spooky Mens Chorale

Intro. Vote the bastards out (repeat)

1. Vote, vote, vote them out, vote them out, vote the bastards, vote the bastards out (repeat)

2. Oh lord, it causes me to wonder,
What disease possesses those of us.
who vote the bastards in
Please don't sentence us to five more years,
or we'll emigrate to French Algiers, To French Algiers

3. Oh lord, it causes me to wonder,
What disease possesses those of us.

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who vote the bastards in
If you want the N H S to stay,
use your vote to make it happen today.

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And the poor, who need 'affordable', will creep in round the back

Don't Believe What You Read in the Papers: See 'What the papers say'

Fat Cat

CP Huskisson - Liverpool Socialist Choir

FAT CAT, The indefensible
FAT CAT, The reprehensible
Leader of the Tory regime
He's just like a cat with the cream
FAT CAT
You know you want to just
Run him out of town
He's unfair, He don't care,
He's a millionaire
He's a Tory prat, FAT CAT
FAT CAT, The indefensible
FAT CAT, The reprehensible
Banking bailout scandalous scheme
Treats him like the cat with the cream

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FAT CAT

You know you want to just
Tax him 'til he squeals
He's a cad, He's a toff, It's the biggest rip-off
He's a bonus brat, FAT CAT.

Great Pretender (Ode To Osborne)

Music: Buck Ram; Words: Red Leicester

1. Yes, he's the great pretender (oo ee oo ee oo)
Pretending that he's doing well, (oo ee oo ee oo)
Services slashed, credit ratings have crashed
The economy's going to hell.
2. Yes, he's the great protector (oo ee oo ee oo)
Protecting his corporate friends (oo ee oo ee oo)
Big business don't pay their taxes today,
His concern for the rich never ends.

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Siya hamba me ni loko lo,
Siya hamba me ni loko lo (x2)
Siya hamba hamba, siya hamba, hamba
Siya hamba me ni loko lo (x2)

We are singing in name of peace
We are singing in name of peace (x2)
We are singing.singing, we are singing singing
we are singing in the name of peace (x2)

dancing, marching, voting, etc.
We are marching against EDL etc
We are working against racist thugs

Sleeping in Doorways - Oxford Town

1. Sleeping in doorways and public grounds
Second homes cost £2 million pounds
Chorus:
Oxford town Oxford town

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I'll tell you what it's like in Oxford town

2. A quarter of our children with not enough to eat
Cafes and restaurants in every street

Ch. Oxford town ...
3. Moving around due to rent arrears
Inherited homes for a hundred years

Ch.: Oxford town ...
4. Hungry and needing food bank food
Throwing out food that is not thought good

Ch.: Oxford ...
5. Taxed on every extra space
Extending assets in the property race

Ch.: Oxford town ...
6. Need three jobs just to manage now
Need a career or a good cash cow
Ch.: Oxford town...

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Fight the Cuts

tune 'Rock my Soul.

Harmony: sing first 3 words of each verse slowly over the top; women and men alternate.

1. Fight the cuts, they
mustn't get away with it x 3
Fight, fight the cuts

2. Tax the rich and make
them pay for it (x3)
Tax, tax the rich

3. We want change and
we're marching (or singing)
today for it (x3)
Change, we want change

4. NHS, we must save it X3
Save the NHS

5. Privatised will cost us
lives X3
Don't privatise.

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we're marching (or singing)
today for it (x3)
Change, we want change

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bandiera rossa la trionfera,
E viv' il socialismo e la
liberta.

2. Non piu nemici, non piu
frontere,
Son i confini rossa
bandiere,
O proletari alla rescossa
Bandiera rossa trionfera

Rosa Parks

Polly Bolton

*We sing: A, B, A, C, A, B,
A, Coda*

*Composer suggests: A, B,
A, C, A, B&C together, A,
Coda*

A section
Oh Rosa Parks, she would
not stand for the white folk
I said Oh Rosa Parks, she
would not stand on the bus
x2

B section
Oh what a difference that
woman made x4

C section

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I'm gonna sit, I'm gonna sit
at the front of the bus
Ain't gonna stand, ain't
gonna stand at the back of
the bus
Ain't gonna stand, ain't
gonna stand at the back of
the bus
I'm gonna sit, I'm gonna sit
at the front of the bus

Coda
She would not stand
Oh she would not stand
No she would not stand on
the bus

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[And we'll strike while the iron is hot.]

I want Rosa to stay

Alun Parry

1. Hello Rosalita, well I know your name
I've learned to pronounce it again and again
For I got to know you and I know you well
So I don't believe all the tales that they tell
No I don't believe Rosalita's a threat
Or that she's a strain on the national debt
For Rosa has spirit and courage galore
To brave every ocean and land on this shore

Chorus

I want Rosa to stay
I want Rosa to stay
I want Rosa to stay
Not just today
Or tomorrow
But forever

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2. Well I've read the headlines in papers I've bought
The panic that passes as rational thought
Written by peddlars of falsehood and fear
Who say it's a problem that Rosa is here.
They want to make Roasa their next deportee
Saying she takes resouces intended for me
And rich men in mansions say that's why I'm poor
But I don't remember being wealthy before.

Chorus

3. So I won't be swayed by the things that you say
Cos I understand why you play it this way
For I see a world that is owned by the few
And run in your interest to benefit you
So if we get angry at what we obtain
You need someone easy to carry the blame

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but that's not much good if you've ended up dead
'Cos you couldn't afford all the things that you need
What with VAT on your fuel bills and a family to feed

4. The deficit's too large, the Con-Dems proclaim
Gordon bailed out the bankers, p'raps Labour's to blame
'We're all in this together', the government say
But the richer you are the less tax you will pay*

Chorus: (same format)

Oh, profit (naninananina), pots of profit
(naninananina)
For the governmental coffers and their friends in private offices
Profit (naninananina), they get more profit
(naninananina)
At the expense of you or me.

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5. Boom boom x16
Next they'll privatise the trees and they'll privatise the sea
They'll privatise the sky and the air that we breathe
They wanna give us choice is what they'll say
Well, this is our choice - NO WAY!

Chorus: (same format)

No more profit (no more profit, no more profit), just for the bosses (for the bosses, for the bosses)
We want good services and salaries for everybody guaranteed
Profit (give us profit, give us profit),
Yes we want profit (we want profit, we want profit)
To be shared by everyone - ALL THE PROFIT TO BE SHARED BY EVERYONE - YEAH!

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It's the same the whole world over

Chorus: (harmony)

It's the same the whole world over, It's the poor what gets the blame, It's the rich what keeps the money, Aint it all a blooming shame?

1. (unison) It's the same the UK over,
Cuts are coming for us all,
Jobs and homes and schools and health care,
We are heading for a fall.

2. (unison) We must keep the banks a-floating,
The world will end if they go bust,
Capital must be supported,
The poor and young will prop them up.

Chorus: (harmony)

3. (unison) It's the same the UK over,

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It's the poor that gets the cuts

And the rich still get the pickings,
They have got us by the nuts.

4. (unison) We must protest long and loudly,
Demonstrate until we drop
We must stand as one together,
Tell them this has got to stop.

Chorus: (harmony)

Additional Verses

Out of work and lost our houses
Closed hospitals, the Dole is cut
but it's fair we're told and equal
child benefit for the rich is cut

Standing by the bank at midnight
Counting out his bonus pile
Stands the poor old hedge fund worker

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Trying to hide his evil smile

He's made a pile on dodgy home loans
Traded bad debts, flogged bad shares
Bought a beemer, Mayfair mansions
With cash conjured all from thin air

Boom and bust is good for business
Boom times best without a doubt
But in bust time he's still smiling
'cos taxpayers bail him out

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