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**1 Back of the bus**

If you miss me at the  
 hack of the bus  
 And you can't find  
 me nowhere  
 Come on over to the  
 front of the bus

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If you'll marry me, I  
 will be faithful unto  
 death,  
 You will have all my  
 love and my  
 attention:  
 We will care, we will  
 share life in sickness  
 and in health —  
 And when I die, you  
 can draw the widow's  
 pension!

I will live with you,  
 and I'll be faithful  
 unto death,  
 We will share all the  
 burdens we must  
 carry —  
 We'll always be free,  
 me for you and you  
 for me —

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And when we're old,  
 love, maybe we  
 should marry!

**2 Auntie Meg**

Aunty Meg bought a coat, just before she was broke,  
 It was warm and it fitted her fine.  
 Then the sleeves they got torn,  
 and the cuffs they got worn,  
 So it made her a jacket in time.  
 Out at the dance with the blokes and romance  
 Went the jacket she kept just for show.  
 But too much good cheer, it got smothered in beer,  
 So it made her a skirt, and you know...  
 that there's

**CHORUS**

Plenty of stuff around  
 Just got to look around  
 Use and re-use what you've got.  
 And my Aunty Meg says you're better off dead  
 Than to let all your treasures just rot.

Off to the dole queue, and then for an interview  
 Wearing the skirt with pride.  
 But while working the late shift, it got slightly ripped  
 So it made her a waistcoat and tie

**17 Darling Annie**

If you'll marry me, I'll give you everything I have  
 You will never have to earn a penny.  
 I will be your man and the ring upon your hand.  
 Will show the world that you're darling Annie.

**CHORUS** (after every every verse)  
 For it's love, love will hold us, love is everything  
 Who could dream of anything that's better?

Not the vow, not the string, not the go/den wedding ring,  
 Just you, love, you and me together.

Thank you love, I'll be glad to add your wages on to mine, I can work and keep myself so handy:  
 You can be my man without a golden wedding band, And I'll tell the world that I'm your Annie.  
**(CHORUS)**

If you'll marry me, I will give to you my name  
 It will shield you from idle talk and envy

### **3 Blowing in the Wind**

How many roads  
must a man walk  
down before he's  
called a man?

How many seas  
must a white dove  
sail before he sleeps  
in the sand?

How many times  
must a cannon ball  
fly before they're  
forever banned?

The answer my  
friend is blowing in  
the wind. The answer  
is blowing in the  
wind.

How many years can  
a mountain exist

before it's washed to  
the sea?

How many years can  
some people exist  
before they're  
allowed to be free?

How many times can  
a man turn his head  
and pretend that he  
just doesn't see?

The answer my  
friend is blowing in  
the wind. The answer  
is blowing in the  
wind.

How many times can  
a man look up before  
he can see the sky?

How many years  
must one man have  
before he can hear  
people cry?

### **16 Manchester Hiker's Song**

Chorus:

I'm a rambler, I'm a  
rambler from  
Manchester way;  
I get all my pleasure  
the hard moorland  
way;

I may be a wage  
slave on Monday  
But I am a free man  
on Sunday.

I've been over  
Snowden, I've slept  
up on Crowden,  
I've camped by the  
wain Stones as well  
I've sunbathed on  
Kinder, been burnt to  
a cinder.

And many a thing I  
could tell!

My rucksack has oft  
been my pillow,  
The heather has oft  
been my bed,  
And sooner than part  
from the mountains  
I think I would rather  
be dead.

The day was just  
ending as I was  
descending  
Through Grindsbrook  
mist by Upper Tor,  
When a voice cried,  
"Hey, you!" in the  
way keepers do,  
(He's the worst face  
that ever I saw).  
The things that he  
said were  
unpleasant;

**4 Black and White.**

The ink is black, The page is white,  
Together we'll learn to read and write,  
To read and write.

And now a child can understand,  
This is the law of all the land—all the land.

The ink is black, The page is white,  
Together we'll learn to read and write. To read and write.

Their cloaks were black, Their heads were white,  
The school-house doors were closed so tight,  
Were closed so tight.

Nine Judges all set down their names,  
To end the years and years of shame—  
years of shame.

Their cloaks were black, Their heads were white,  
The school-house doors were closed so tight,  
Were closed so tight.

The slate is black, The chalk is white,  
The words stand out so clear and bright,  
So clear and bright,  
And now at last we plainly see. The Alphabet of liberty,  
liberty.

The slate is black, The chalk is white,

**15 Fill up your glasses**

Long life to the miners the whole world around  
Who spend all their days in a hole underground,  
Whose road is a tunnel, whose day is the night,  
Our of danger and darkness they bring power and light.

*Chorus:*  
So we'll fill up our glasses and drink once again  
'to peace on this earth and good will among men.

2. Our thanks to the fishermen and safe may they toil,  
And also to the farmer who turns up the soil;  
To the ploughmen and shepherds and all men of worth  
Whose joy is to harvest the fruits of the earth. (*Cho.*)

3. Here's to drivers and firemen and the rest of the team  
Who keep the stock rolling by diesel and steam,  
To the cleaners and shunters who work night and day

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## **5 Bog Down in the Valley Oh**

There was a tree in a bog,  
A rare bog, a rattling bog.

Tree in a bog.  
And the bog down in the valley-O.

Chorus

Oh aye, a rattling bog, A bog down in the valley-o.

Rare bog, a rattling bog, A bog down in the valley-o.

Now on that tree there was a branch,  
A rare branch, a rattling branch.  
Branch on the tree,  
And the tree in the

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bog. And the bog down in the valley-o.  
Oh aye, a rattling bog, etc.

Now on that branch there was a twig, etc.

Now on that twig there was a leaf, etc.

Now on that leaf there was a nest, etc.

Now on that nest there was an egg, etc.

Now on that egg there was a bird, etc.

Now on that bird there was a feather, etc.

Now on that feather there was a flea, etc.

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manly bearing, Take your turn on deck with the other fellows  
While you're following the shoals of herring.

In the stormy seas and the living gales  
Just to earn your daily bread you're daring,  
From the Dover Straits to the Faroe Islands  
While you're following the shoals of herring.

Oh, I earned me keep and I paid me way,  
And I earned the gear that I was wearing,

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Sailed a million miles, caught ten million fishes -  
We was following the shoals of herring.

## 7 Cooperation

Said the elephant to the mouse, "My toothache's getting worse, I've tried everything the chemist can provide.

And now the only thing I s to pull it with some string, But my foot's too big to tie the knot inside."

Said the mouse, "I tell you what, With these tiny paws I've got I could tie the string around your painful molar.

***You see I've come to know That the only way to grow***

***Is to share each others' skills, then we'll go far."***

CHORUS

***Cos' we've got cooperation, and with little hesitation We could change the world the way we want today, Because C and double O, P, E, R, A, T, I, O, N Cooperation, that's the game we play.***

Said the cheetah to the snail, 'I know it sounds insane, But my feet are just too sore to even ramble. Because every time I dash, I'm quicker than a flash,

Born at the back of a blackthorn hedge  
When the white hoar-frost lay all around.  
No eastern kings came bearing gifts  
Instead, the order came to shift  
You'd better get born in someplace else,  
so (cho)

The winter sky was hung with stars  
And one shone brighter than the rest;  
The wise men came so stern and strict  
And brought the order to evict,  
You'd better get born in someplace else,  
so (cho)

Wagon, tent or trailer born,  
Last year, last month or in far-off days.  
Born here or a thousand miles away,  
There's always men nearby who say,  
"You'd better get born in someplace else, so (cho)

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## **8 Crabs Against Pollution**

(Where there is \*\*\*\* the children call out suggestions)

I was walking along on the beach today  
When a crab came into view

She said, "Come over here, have a word with me,  
And a tale I'll tell to you.

I was feeling kind of peckish, so I thought I'd have some tea,  
In that great big pool of water there,  
along by the side of the sea.

Well, I opened my mouth and I took a

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great gulp, And it nearly knocked me out. And if anyone here can guess what it was, Would they like to shout it out. There was \*\*\*\* in the pool, and we know it shouldn't be there. There was \*\*\*\* in the pool, and we crabs think it isn't quite fair'.

(Repeat again, but CHORUS should be remembered each time round)

## **9 Dark as a Dungeon**

Come all you young fellows so brave and so fine.

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Five fingers, five fingers.

Five fingers and the brain

Set to work one day

Made a spear and made a bow

Laid the mighty jungle low

Wormed the hunt and made things grow

And made things out of clay.

Five fingers and the brain  
Five fingers, five fingers. Five fingers and the brain  
Quarrelling night and day  
They got the know how and the skill  
To make and build, destroy and kill

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The choice is theirs for good or ill  
To find the human way.

## 10 Doves of the World

Chorus:

I want to live a long life  
To breathe the future air,  
To build the glad tomorrow,  
To know that I'll be there.

We inherit the knowledge of ages,  
We can lengthen man's span on the earth,  
We can strengthen and feed and guide him  
To use his powers and his worth.

We can harness the sunlight and waters,

We can fly to the stars and return,  
We can make of the earth a garden,  
Explore, discover and learn.

How good is this earth for a dwelling,  
We can better it now for tomorrow,  
Though rather than share it with others,  
There are those who would fill it with sorrow.

We warn you our sisters and brothers,  
The War Hawks are flying today.  
They care not for peace or its promise,

site of England's motorway.

To buy your shoes your daddy built a length of railway track.

He built a hydro-dam to buy the clothes upon your back.  
This motor highway buys the food but the wages soon are spent,  
and though we have to live apart, it helps to pay the rent.

But don't be sad, he's still your dad and he's toiling Every day,  
but there's food to be had and it's thanks to

your dad on England's motorway.

Sure, we need your daddy here, sure it would be fine, to have him working nearer home and to see him all the time, but beggars can't be choosers and we have to bear our load,  
we need the money your daddy earns a-working on the road,

but don't be sad he's still your dad and he'll soon be here to stay for a week or two with me and you when he's built the motorway.

## 11 Down at our School

### Chorus

Down at our school,  
Teachers are so  
funny

If you want to see  
them all, You'll have  
to pay some money  
Soldiers half a crown,  
Sailors half a guinea  
Big fat men two and  
ten, Little kids a  
penny

Down at our school  
things are rather  
funny, Little kids do  
all the work  
Teachers get the  
money

Let our whiskers  
grow, let yor  
whiskers grow,  
Whats the use of  
shaving,  
Il 'em out by the  
roots, make laces for  
your boots  
Think of the money  
you're saving

Our sir is kind, our sir  
is gentle  
Our sir is strong, our  
sir is mental

Micky Plum with a  
car tyre bung, went  
rolling down the river  
caught his belly in a  
piece of jelly, it made  
poor mickey shiver

The auld ways are  
passing and soon  
they'll be gone, For  
progress is aye a big  
factor,  
It's sent tae afflict us  
and when they evict  
us They tow us awa'  
wi' a tractor, (chorus)

Fareweel to the fields  
where we've sated  
and toiled, At pu'in'  
and shawin' and  
liftin',  
We'll soon hae  
machines and the  
travelling quaens  
And their men folk  
had better be shiftin.'  
(chorus)

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### **13 Down by the River**

City life was getting  
us down  
So we spent a week-  
end out of town.  
Pitched our tent on a  
piece of ground  
Down by the river.  
Lit a fire and drank  
some wine  
You put your  
rucksack down by  
mine.  
Said, come in the  
water's fine.  
Down by the river.

Didn't feel too good  
all night  
So we took a walk in  
the morning light,

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Came across the  
strangest sight  
Down by the river.  
Silver fish lay on its  
side  
Washed up by the  
early tide,  
I wonder how it died  
Down by the river.  
  
Doctor put us both to  
bed ,  
Dosed us up and  
shook his head.  
Only foolish people  
go, he said,  
Down by the river.  
Why do willows  
weep? said he,  
Because they're  
dying gradually,  
From the waste from  
the factory  
Down by the river.

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The God of greed  
who feeds the rich  
while poor men  
starve.

We work, we eat  
together, we need no  
swords.  
We will not bow to  
masters or pay rent  
to the lords.  
We are free men,  
though we are poor,  
You Diggers all stand  
up for Glory, stand  
up now.

From the men of  
property the orders  
came.  
They sent the hired  
men and troopers to  
wipe out the Diggers'  
claim.

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Tear down their  
cottages, destroy  
their corn.  
They were dispersed  
- only the vision  
lingers on.

You poor take  
courage, you rich  
take care.  
This earth was made  
a common treasury  
for everyone to  
share;  
All things in common,  
all people one  
We come in peace -  
the orders came to  
cut them down.

**9 Thirty Foot Trailer**  
The old ways are  
changing, ye cannae  
deny,

**15 Father Abraham**

Father Abraham had  
seven sons, Sir,  
Seven sons, Sir, had  
Father Abraham.  
And they didn't laugh  
and they didn't cry.  
All they did was to  
act like this.  
With a left. (lift left  
foot up and down)

Father Abraham had  
seven sons, Sir,  
Seven sons, Sir, has  
Father Abraham.  
And they didn't laugh  
and they didn't cry,  
All they did was to  
act like this.  
With a left and a  
right. (lift left then  
right foot together)

Father Abraham had  
seven sons, Sir,  
Seven sons. Sir, had  
Father Abraham.  
And they didn't laugh  
and they didn't cry,  
All they did was to  
act like this.  
With a left and a right  
and a left, (raise left  
then right foot with  
left arm etc).

**16 If I had a  
hammer**

C-Em-F-G, C-Em-F-  
G  
oh-oo, ooh, oo - oo -  
oo  
**G** If I had a **C**  
hammer **Em F** I'd  
**G** hammer in the  
**C** morning **Em F** I'd

You're just a cheaper  
pair of hands!  
You got one fault!  
You're a woman.  
You're not worth the  
equal pay.  
A bitch or a tart,  
You're nothing but  
heart  
Shallow and vain,  
You got no brain;  
Go down the drain  
like a lady today!

I listened to my  
mother and I joined a  
typing pool,  
I listened to my lover  
and I sent him  
through his school.  
If I listen to the boss,  
I'm just a bloody fool;  
And an underpaid  
engineer!

I've been a sucker  
ever since I was a  
baby.  
As a daughter, as a  
wife, as a mother,  
and a dear -  
But I'll fight them as  
a woman, not a lady,  
I'll fight them as an  
engineer!

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### **18 If You're Happy**

If you're happy and  
you know it Clap  
your hands.

If you're happy and  
you know it Clap  
your hands.

If you're happy and  
you know it, Then  
you'll surely want to  
show it,

If you're happy and  
you know it Clap  
your hands.

If you're happy and  
you know it, Click  
your fingers, etc.  
If you're happy and  
you know it, Slap  
your sides, etc.

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If you're happy and  
you know it, Stamp  
your feet, etc.

If you're happy and  
you know it, Shout  
we are, etc.

If you're happy and  
you know it. Do all  
five, etc.

(Alternative words):  
Play a drum, Blow a  
horn, Tap two sticks,  
Hit a gong, Do all  
four.

### **19 Jamaica Farewell**

Down the bay where  
the nights are gay  
And the sun shines  
brightly on the  
mountain top  
I took a trip on a  
sailing ship,

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I spent my days at  
work so he could get  
his education,  
And now he's an  
engineer!

He says; 'I know  
you'll always be a  
lady.

It's the duty of my  
darling to love me all  
her life.

Could an engineer  
look after or obey  
me?

Remember, dear,  
that you're my wife!

As soon as Jimmy  
got a job I studied  
hard again,  
Then, busy at me  
turret lathe a year or  
so, and then,

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The morning that the  
twins were born,  
Jimmy says to them,  
'Kids, your mother  
was an engineer!'  
You owe it to the kids  
to be a lady;  
Dainty as a dishrag,  
faithful as a chow,  
Stay at home you got  
to mind the baby,  
Remember you're a  
mother now.

Every time I turn  
around there's  
something else to do,  
Cook a meal or  
mend a sock or  
sweep a floor or two.  
Listen in to Radio  
One it makes me  
want to spew

**20 Just a Little Rain**

1). **A** Just a little rain

**Bm** falling all

**E** around

The **E7** grass lifts its head to the

**A** beautiful sound

**F#m** Just a little rain

**A** just a little rain

**D** what have they

done to the **E** rain

2) **A** Just a little child

**Bm** standing in the

**E** rain The **E7** gentle rain that falls for

**A** years

And the **F#m** grass is gone, the

**C#m** child

disappears

**D** Rain keeps falling

like **A** helpless tears

and **D** what have

they done to the

**E** rain

3) Just a little breeze

out of the sky

The leaves nod their

heads as the breeze

blows by

Just a little breeze

with smoke in its eye

And what have they

done to the rain

*Repeat 1st verse*

*with C#m tune*

**21 Link Your Hands****Together**

Link your hands

together,

A circle we'll make ;

This bond of our

friendship

No power can break,

Let's all sing together

Momma told me

'Can't you be a

Lady?

Your duty is to make

me the mother of a

pearl.

Wait until you're

older, dear and

maybe

You'll be glad that

you're a girl.'

And dainty as a

Dresden statue,

Gentle as a Jersey

cow,

Smooth as silk,

Gives creamy milk,

Learn to coo, Learn

to moo;

That's what to do to

be a lady now.

When I went to

school I learned to

write and how to

read

Some history and

geography and home

economy;

And typing is a skill

that every girl is sure

to need,

To while away the

time to breed.

And then they had

the nerve to say;

'What would you like

to be?

I says, 'I'm gonna be

an engineer!' .-

you only need to

learn to be a lady

The duty isn't yours,

for to try and run the

world.

## 22 Mighty Song of Peace

The mighty song of peace will soon be ringing Soon be ringing, soon be ringing.

The mighty song of peace will soon be ringing All over this land.

All over this land, this land.

All over this land, this land.

The mighty song of peace will soon be ringing

All over this land.

a) unity and peace

3) justice, unity and peace

4) friendship, justice, unity and peace

5) The mighty song of freedom, friendship, justice, unity and peace will soon be ringing Soon be ringing, soon be ringing.

The mighty song of freedom, friendship, justice, unity and peace will soon be ringing

All over this land.

All over this land, this land. All over this land, this land. The mighty song of freedom, friendship, justice,

There's blood on the coal and the miners lie

In the roads that never saw sun nor sky

In the town of Springhill, you don't sleep easy, Often the earth will tremble and roll, When the earth is restless, miners die; Bone and blood is the price of coal

In the town of Springhill, Nova Scotia, Late in the year of '58, Day still comes and the sun still shines,

But it's dark as the grave in the Cumberland mine

Down at the coal face miners working, Rattle of the belts and the cutters' blade.

Rumble of rock and the walls close round The living and the dead men two miles down

Twelve men lay two miles from the pit shaft.

Twelve men lay in the dark and sang; Long hot days in a miners' tomb, It was three feet high and a hundred long.

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## 24 Monster Stomp

If you want to be a monster, now's your chance,

'Cos everybody's doing the monster dance

Make a noise like an elephantosomous  
Stomp your feet, make a face, and SNARL!

## CHORUS

Our feet are on the ground, 'cos we're doing the monster stomp

Everybody's' doing the monster stomp  
UH, AH, UH, AH,  
UH, AH, UH, AH,

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UH, AH, UH, AH,  
AHH.

We're the hairy Woodcraft monster moles  
And we dig our way through problem zones  
With teeth, and grunts and a giant roar  
We'll stomp for the good of all!

We're the ugliest faces around the town  
And even when we laugh, it looks like a frown  
With a slime and a slither, we drag our tail

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Started my time, away in the mine,  
GO DOWN!

4. On the day that I was born, I was six-foot tall, GO DOWN!  
And the very next day I learned the way to haul, GO DOWN!  
On the third day worked at bord-and-pillar. Worked on the fourth as a long-wall filler,  
Getting me steam up, hewing the seam,  
GO DOWN!

5 I've worked in the Mutton, the Plessy, the Brockwell Seam,  
GO DOWN!

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The Bensham, the Busty, the Beaumont, the Marshall Green, GO DOWN!  
Lain on me back in the old Three-Quarter , Up to the chin in stinking water,  
Hewing a hole, away in the coal, GO DOWN!

6. I'm the son of the son of the son of a collier's son, GO DOWN!  
Coal dust flows in the veins where the blood should run, GO DOWN!  
Five steel ribs and an iron backbone, Teeth

## 26 One Finger One Thumb

One finger, one thumb keep moving,  
One finger, one thumb keep moving,  
One finger, one thumb keep moving,  
We'll all be merry and bright.

One finger, one thumb, one arm keep moving, x3  
We'll all be merry and bright.

One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg keep moving, x3  
We'll all be merry and bright.

One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg, one nod of the head keep moving x3  
We'll all be merry and bright.

One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg, one nod of the head  
rub of the tum keep moving x3  
We'll all be merry and bright.

One finger, one thumb, one arm, one leg, one nod of the head,  
one rub of the tum, stand up sit down  
keep moving x3

But say you remember my name;  
So I'll be reminded of how the world outside goes  
And feel a man again.

Got time on my hands, I've got time on my shoulders.  
Plenty of time on my mind,  
There's no summer, no winter when once you land inside here

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## **28 Seasons**

1 The seasons come  
and the seasons go  
The rains they come  
and the winds they  
blow  
The sun shines down  
on the earth below  
The Seasons come  
and the seasons go

2 Seasons come and  
the seasons go  
A time to reap and a  
time to sow  
We plant our seeds  
and we watch them  
grow  
The seasons come  
and the seasons go

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3. The seasons  
come and the  
seasons go  
They're just like  
friends that we get to  
know  
We say goodbye and  
we say hello  
The seasons come  
and the seasons go

## **29 - Tell 'em who you are**

Wood craft folk they  
like to sing - Tell 'em  
who you are  
Woodcraft folk they  
like to sing - Tell 'em  
who you are  
Woodcraft folk they  
like to sing - Tell 'em  
who you are  
Shout it out and -  
Tell 'em who you are

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All the people of the  
travelling nation.

Oh, I've known life  
hard and I've known  
it easy.

And I've cursed the  
times when winter  
days were dawning;  
But I've danced and  
sang through the  
whole night long,  
Seen the summer  
sun rise in the  
morning.

All you freeborn men  
of the travelling  
people,  
Every tinker, rolling  
stone and gypsy  
rover,

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Winds of change are  
blowing, old ways  
are going,  
Your travelling days  
will soon be over.

### **31 The H-Bomb's Thunder**

Don't you hear, the  
H-bomb's thunder  
Echo like the crack of  
doom?

While they rend the  
skies asunder Fall-  
out makes the earth  
a tomb.

Do you want your  
homes to tumble  
Rise in smoke  
towards the sky?  
Will you let your  
cities crumble Will  
you see your children  
die?

*Chorus:*

Men and women,  
stand together Do

not heed the men of  
war  
Make your minds up  
now or never Ban the  
bomb for evermore.

Tell the leaders of  
the nations Make the  
whole wide world  
take heed.

Poison from the  
radiation Strikes at  
every race and  
creed.

Must you put  
mankind in danger  
Murder folk in distant  
lands?

Will you bring death  
to a stranger Have  
his blood upon your  
hands?

### **2 Dirty old town**

I found my love by  
the gasworks croft,  
Dreamed a dream by  
the old canal. Kissed  
my girl by the factory  
wail, Dirty old town,  
Dirty old town.

Clouds a-drifting  
across the moon,  
Cats a-prowling on  
their beat; Spring's a  
girl in the street at  
night. Dirty old town,  
Dirty old town.

Heard a siren from  
the docks,  
Saw a train set the  
night on fire;  
Dirty old town Dirty  
old town.

Smelled the spring  
on the smoky wind,  
Dirty old town. Dirty  
old town

I'm going to make a  
good sharp axe,  
Shining steel  
tempered in the fire;  
Will chop you down  
like an old dead tree,  
Dirty old town. Dirty  
old town.

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### 32 The Strangest Dream

Last night I had the  
strangest dream  
I'd ever dreamed  
before, . . . ,  
I dreamed that men  
had all agreed  
To put an end to war.  
I dreamed I saw a  
mighty room  
And the room was  
full of men.  
And the paper they  
were signing said  
They'd never fight  
again,  
And when that paper  
was all signed  
And a million copies  
made, ; . . . , - ; . . . ;

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They all joined hands  
and bowed their  
heads  
And grateful prayers  
were prayed.  
And the people in the  
streets below  
Were dancing round  
and round.  
And guns and  
swords and uniforms  
Lay scattered on the  
ground.  
Today I saw a dream  
come true  
I never thought I'd  
see,  
Fifty thousand  
marched on London  
town—  
On one thing they  
agree.  
That the future of the  
human race

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Is the poor boy living,  
or is he dead?'

*Chorus;*

Then up comes Ted  
without any legs.  
And in their place he  
has two wooden  
pegs,  
She kissed him a  
dozen times or two,  
Saying, 'Holy Moses,  
"tisn't you.'

*Chorus;*

'Oh then were ye  
drunk, or were ye  
blind,  
That ye left ye two  
fine legs behind?  
Or was it walking  
upon the sea

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Wore ye two fine  
legs from the knees  
away?'

*Chorus;*

'Oh I wasn't drunk,  
and I wasn't blind  
But I left my two fine  
legs behind.  
For a cannon ball on  
the fifth of May  
Took my two fine  
legs from the knees  
away.'

*Chorus;*

### 34 Streets of London

**C** Have you seen the  
**G** old man in the  
**Am** closed-down  
**Em** market  
**F** picking up the  
**C** papers,  
 with his **D7** worn-out  
**G7** shoes?  
**C** In his eyes you  
**G** see no pride  
**Am.** and held loosely  
**Em** by his side  
**F** yesterday's  
**C** papers, telling  
**G7** yesterday's  
**C** news.

#### CHORUS:

**C** So **F** how can you  
**Em** tell me you're  
**C** lo - ne - **Am** ly

**D7** and say for you  
 that the sun  
 don't **G** shine? **G7**  
**C** Let me take you  
**G** by the hand, and  
**Am** lead you through  
 the **Em** streets of  
 London.  
**F** I'll show you  
**C** something, to  
**G7** make you change  
 your **C** mind.

Have you seen the  
 old gal, who walks  
 the streets of London  
 dirt in her hair, and  
 her clothes in rags?  
 She's no time for  
 talking, she just  
 keeps right on  
 walking  
 Carrying her home,  
 in two carrier bags

From the North Pole  
 ice to the Snow at  
 the other,  
 I call everyone my  
 sister or brother.  
 But I haven't much  
 time and I've had my  
 fill,  
 Of people of war who  
 want to kill.

Some people say the  
 world is a horrible  
 place,  
 But it's as good or  
 bad as the human  
 race.  
 Dirt and misery, or  
 health and joy  
 We can build or we  
 can destroy.

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### **35 There is a Factory in the Town**

Tune: "There is a  
Tavern in the Town"

There is a factory in  
the town (in the  
town).

Where belts and  
cranks move up and  
down (up and down).

With that dull life I  
never did agree  
Fifty hours of that's  
enough for me!

Chorus:

Fare thee well, for I  
must leave thee  
For the oak and ash  
and beech tree  
For a time I'm glad to  
say that we must part  
(must part).

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Adieu, adieu to  
sweat and smoke,  
adieu, adieu!

I can no longer stay  
with you (stay with  
you)

I'll pitch my tent far  
away across the lea  
And never, never  
think of thee.

There is an office in  
the square (in the  
square)

With rows of clerks  
all sitting there  
(sitting there).

And there I sit with a  
ledger on my knee  
Fifty hours of that's  
enough for me.

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The news appeared  
in the Sketch and  
Mail,  
The railways brought  
excursions down.  
And all to look on  
William Brown.

He turned all day  
with a saintly smile.  
The goods he made  
grew such a pile,  
They filled the room  
and the room next  
door.

And overflowed to  
the basement floor.

But sad the sequel  
now to tell,  
He turned out more  
than the boss could  
sell,

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The market fell and  
the price came down,  
Seven days more  
and they sacked  
young Brown.

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### **36 - Us folk we work together**

1 Us folk work together now us folk  
Us folk work together now us folk  
Us folk work together  
A load thats shared is light as a feather  
Us folk work together  
Us folk

2 Us folk are peace-makers now us folk  
Us folk are peace-makers now us folk  
Us folk are peace-makers  
Woodcraft folk co-operators '  
Us folk are peace-makers us folk

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3 Us folk are agitators us folk  
Us folk are agitators us folk  
Us folk are agitators  
Peace-march singing demonstrators  
Us folk are agitators us folk

4 Us folk help each other us folk  
Us folk help each other us folk  
Us folk help each other  
Everybody is a sister or a brother  
Us folk help each other usfolk

5 us folk ban the bomb now us folk

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Our girls and boys grow stronger As they step the Woodcraft way,  
Our girls and boys grow wiser, As they study and they play ;  
For we are a virile Company, And we have come to stay  
**WE ARE THE WOODCRAFT FOLK.**  
Chorus :

### **44 Worm Song**

Nobody likes us, everybody hates us  
Because we live on worms;  
Big fat juicy ones,  
Skinny weenie winny ones,  
See them wriggle and squirm.

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Bite their heads off,  
Ssss their juice out,  
Throw their skins away.  
Nobody knows how much we thrive  
On worms three times a day.  
  
The first one was easy,  
The second one was squeezy,  
The third one stuck in our throats,  
The fourth one was like a sausage roll,  
And the fifth one made us choke.

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**37 Vientos del Pueblo me llevan - Winds of the people carry me**

Won't you feel the pulse  
Won't you feel the pulse  
of the children of the new world.  
An we carve our name  
As we carve our name  
In the dust of a broken earth.

**38 We are the children of Africa**

(Chorus over the top: Awatna Haf ash'.  
We are the children of Africa

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And it's for freedom that we're fighting!  
We are the children of Africa  
And it's for freedom that we're fighting!

CHORUS

A heavy load, a heavy load,  
It will take some real strength'.  
A heavy load, a heavy load,  
It will take some real strength'.

We're not afraid of the prison walls It's for freedom that we go now!

CHORUS

They took our land and they took our homes. How much

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**42 Where have all the Flowers Gone?**

Where have all the flowers gone, long time passing  
Where have all the flowers gone, long time ago.  
Where have all the flowers gone, Young girls picked them everyone,  
When will they ever learn, When will they ever learn.

Where have all the young girls gone ...  
Taken husbands everyone.  
Where have all the young men gone ...  
Gone to soldiers everyone.

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Where have all the soldiers gone ...  
Gone to graveyards everyone.  
Where have all the graveyards gone ...  
They're gone to flowers everyone.

**40 Waltzing Matilda**

Once a jolly  
swagman Seated by  
a billabong  
Under the shade of a  
coolibar tree,  
And he sang as he  
watched And waited  
till his billy boiled.  
You'll come a-  
waltzing, Matilda,  
with me.

Chorus:

Waltzing Matilda,  
Waltzing Matilda,  
You'll come a-  
waltzing, Matilda,  
with me And he sang  
as he watched  
And waited till his  
billy boiled,

You'll come a-  
waltzing, Matilda,  
with me.

Down came a  
jumbuck To drink at  
the billabong,  
Up jumped a  
swagman and  
grabbed him with  
glee  
And he laughed as  
he shoved That  
jumbuck in his  
tuckerbag.

You'll come a-  
waltzing, Matilda,  
with me.

Chorus

Up rode the squatter  
Mounted on his  
thoroughbred,

Down came the  
Troopers one, two,  
three,  
Whose that jolly  
jumbuck You've got  
in your tuckerbag,  
You'll come a-  
waltzing, Matilda,  
with me.

Chorus

Up jumped the  
swagman, Sprang  
into the billabong,  
You'll never take me  
alive, said he,  
And his ghost may  
be heard  
As you pass by that  
billabong,  
You'll come a-  
waltzing, Matilda,  
with me.

Chorus