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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.

### **We are the Oxford SeaGreen Singers - see Singing for our Lives**

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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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