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## SOLIDARITY FOREVER

*Ralph Chaplin*

*(new verses: 2. Bonnie Lockhart<sup>1</sup>; 5. Steve Suffet)*

1. When the union's inspiration through the workers' blood shall run,  
There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun  
Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one  
But the union makes us strong!

CHORUS: Solidarity forever (3x). For the union makes us strong.

2. We're in high schools and in childcare and in elementary schools  
We have suffered long from cutbacks, but we will not suffer fools  
Education will be funded when we fight to change the rules  
And we make our unions strong!
3. It is we who plowed the prairies; built the cities where they trade  
Dug the mines and built the workshops, endless miles of railroad laid  
Now we stand outcast and starving midst the wonders we have made  
But the union makes us strong!
4. They have taken untold millions that they never toiled to earn  
But without our brain and muscle not a single wheel can turn  
We can break their haughty power, gain our freedom when we learn  
That the union makes us strong!
5. They divide us by our color, they divide us by our tongue  
They divide us men and women, they divide us old and young  
But they'll tremble at our voices when they hear these verses sung  
For the union makes us strong!
6. In our hands is placed a power greater than their hoarded gold  
Greater than the might of armies, magnified a thousand-fold  
We can bring to birth a new world from the ashes of the old  
For the union makes us strong!

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