BREAD AND ROSES

Lyrics: John Oppenheim, 1912 Tune Adapted by Mimi Farina, 1976

VERSE 1:

A D E
As we go marching marching, in the beauty of the day
A B7 E
A million darkened kitchens, a thousand mill-lofts gray
A D E
Are touched with all the radiance that a sudden sun discloses
A D E A
For the people hear us singing Bread and Roses, Bread and Roses

INSTRUMENTAL TAG (4TH LINE)

VERSE 2:

As we go marching marching, we battle too for men
For they are women's children and we mother them again
Our lives shall not be sweated from birth until life closes
Hearts starve as well as bodies, give us bread but give us roses

INSTRUMENTAL TAG (4TH LINE)

VERSE 3:

As we go marching marching, unnumbered women dead
Go crying through our singing their ancient call for bread
Small art, and love, and beauty their drudging spirits knew
Yes it is bread we fight for but we fight for roses too

INSTRUMENTAL VERSE (4TH LINE)

VERSE 4:

As we go marching marching, we bring the greater days
For the rising of the women means the rising of the race
No more the drudge and idler, ten that toil where one reposes
But the sharing of life's glories bread and roses, bread and roses

INSTRUMENTAL: FIRST TWO LINES OF VERSE

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