Bread and Roses

Verse 1: (T & B)

As we go marching, marching, in the beauty of the day, A million darkened kitchens, a thousand mill lofts gray, Are touched with all the radiance that a sudden sun discloses, For the people hear us singing: "Bread and roses!"

Verse 2: (S & A)

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.

Verse 3: (tutti)

As we go marching, marching, un-numbered 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.

Verse 4: (tutti forte)

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

Tag: (S & A softly)

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