

# Folk & Traditional Song Lyrics

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## GPU

GPU

When I was a lad in nineteen six  
I joined a band of Bolsheviks  
I read the Manifesto and the Kapital  
And I even learned to sing the Internationale

<repeat>

I sang that song in a voice so true  
That now I'm in the prisons of the GPU

<repeat>.

When Lenin's boys insurrection made  
I found myself on a barricade  
At Kerensky's troops I aimed my gun  
And I never stopped shooting 'till the Reds had won.

<repeat>

I shot that gun with an aim so true etc.

<repeat>

When NEP was started and Lenin died  
I found myself on Trotsky's side  
Well, all went well 'till twenty-eight  
And then I was forced to capitulate.

<repeat>

Well, my capitulation had a ring so true, etc.

<repeat>

Now, since that time I've had no peace  
My steps have been dogged by the Secret Police.  
I denounced the traitors, time and again  
I denounced the traitors with tongue and pen.

<repeat>

And my denunciations had a ring so true, etc.

Now revisionists all, wherever you may be  
If you want to be a success, like me ---  
Confess to terrorism and espionage  
To Counterrevolution and sabotage.

<repeat>

Adhere to the line of Lenin, too  
And you'll wind up in the prisons of the GPU.

<repeat>

Note: Dick Eney has pointed out that the Russian pronunciation of the acronym GPU--- Gay Pay Oo---may not be clear to non-Russians.

from Glazer Ballads for Sectarians  
tune of Gilbert and Sullivan "When I was a Lad"  
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