

The New Solidarity Forever

By: Jack Langan

There are places in this country where the folks refuse to see
That what happens in the ghettos happens next to you and me,
So the bloody red that Panthers shed is shed to make us free
And our Union makes us strong.

Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever!
Solidarity forever for our Union makes us strong!

In Chicago, Daley's troopers clubbed our youth into the ground
While the television cameras sent their shame the world around.
Then from the former liberals arose this mighty sound:
"Let our Union make us strong."

Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever!
Solidarity forever for our Union makes us strong!

From Berkeley to Columbia, we saw our numbers grow.
In Washington, our ranks were swelled against the common foe.
Now black and white and brown and red, we're rising row on row
While our Union makes us strong.

Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever!
Solidarity forever for our Union makes us strong!

No longer merely liberal but radical are we
As we roll our wave of freedom onward like the mighty sea.
We will break the system's shackles, and we'll fight to make men free
While our Union makes us strong.

Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever!
Solidarity forever for our Union makes us strong!

They can bind us but not gag us in the mockery of trial
For when one is stilled his message grows yet stronger all the while.
More millions are revolting 'gainst the fascist's tyrant's style,
And our Union makes us strong.

Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever!
Solidarity forever for our Union makes us strong!

Shall we let the system spoil our Earth and smother it 'til dead?
Shall we let the greedy parasites our children fill with dread?
Let us rise as one against them and bury them instead
For our Union makes us strong.

Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever!
Solidarity forever for our Union makes us strong!

As the workers and the students see their freedom slip away,
Let them join us in our battle to create a better day.
When the fascist system crumbles as we charge on it, we say
That our Union makes us strong.

Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever!
Solidarity forever for our Union makes us strong!

If we all unite for freedom and we all stand fast for peace,
We can show the system that we want to see the killing cease.
And we won't be stopped by taunts and jests nor clubs of the police
For our Union makes us strong.

Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever!
Solidarity forever for our Union makes us strong!

