

There Is Power in a Union  
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Music by George Frederick Root

There is power in a fact'ry, power in the land,  
Power in the hand of the worker.  
But it all amounts to nothing if together we don't stand.  
There is power in a union.

Now, the lessons of the past were all learned with workers' blood.  
The mistakes of the bosses, we must pay for.  
From the fact'ries to the farmland to trenches full of mud,  
War has always been the bosses' way, sir.

The union forever defending our rights!  
Down with the blackleg! All workers unite!  
With our brothers and our sisters from many far off lands,  
There is power in a union.

Now, I long for the morning that they realize  
Brutality and unjust laws cannot defeat us.  
But who'll defend the workers who cannot organize  
When the bosses send their lackeys out to cheat us?

The union forever defending our rights!  
Down with the blackleg! All workers unite!  
With our brothers and our sisters, together we will stand!  
There is power in a union!

Money speaks for money: the Devil for his own!  
Who comes to speak for the skin and the bone?  
What a comfort to the widow, a light to the child,  
There is power in a union!

The union forever defending our rights!  
Down with the blackleg! All workers unite!  
With our brothers and our sisters, together we will win!  
There is power in a union!

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