

# Rocking Solidarity (Forever)

*Ralph Chaplin 1915, adaptation by Dave Welsh and Pete Seeger*

G-E7/ A7-D7/ G-G7-C-D7/ G-D7

D7 G C7 G  
When the union's inspiration through the workers' blood shall run

G E7 A7 D7  
There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun

G7 C C7  
Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one

C7 G E7 A7 D7 G C D7  
For the Union, yes, the union makes us strong (ev'rybody sing it out, sing it with us)

**G C G B C**  
**Solidarity forever, solidarity forever, solidarity forever**

**C G E7 A7 D7 G-G7-C-D7**  
**For it's the Union, yes, the union makes us strong**

D7 G C7 G  
They have taken untold millions that they never toiled to earn

G E7 A7 D7  
But without our brain and muscle not a single wheel can turn

G7 C C7  
We can break their haughty power gain our freedom when we learn

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D7 G C7 G  
It is we who ploughed the prairies, built the cities where they trade

G E7 A7 D7  
Dug the mines and built the workshops, endless miles of railroad laid

G7 C C7  
Now we stand outcast and starving 'mid the wonders we have made

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D7 G C7 G  
 It is we who raised the families, scrubbed the floors and chased the dirt,  
 G E7 A7 D7  
 Fed the kids and sent them off to school and then we go to work,  
 G7 C C7  
 Where we work for lower wages, with a boss that likes to flirt.  
 C7 G E7 A7 D7 G C D7  
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D7 G C7 G  
 In our hands is placed a power greater than their hoarded gold  
 G E7 A7 D7  
 Greater than the might of armies magnified a thousandfold  
 G7 C C7  
 We can bring to birth a new world from the ashes of the old  
 C7 G E7 A7 D7 G C D7  
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