

**Never Cross A Picket Line**

**Billy Bragg**

[Verse 1]

**G**  
Five hundred men sacked for refusing  
**C D G D**  
to ever cross a picket line  
**G Em G**  
The voices down the ages warning  
**C D Em**  
Never cross a picket line!  
**C D G C G C D Em C G**  
you must never cross a picket line!

[Verse 2]

**G**  
Two years gone by but still they never  
**C D G D**  
ever cross a picket line  
**G Em G**  
With their wives and children they stand together  
**C D Em**  
Never cross a picket line!  
**C D G**  
you must never cross a picket line!

[Chorus]

**G**  
Look away, look away  
**G C G**  
look away out west to San Francisco  
  
Look away, look away  
**G C G**  
look away down south to Sydney Harbour  
**C D Em**  
where the dockers have organised  
**C D G**  
the world s longest picket line

[Verse 3]

**G**  
Technically this is an illegal strike  
**C D G**  
Never cross a picket line!  
**G**

But technically workers have no rights

**C**                    **D**            **Em**

Never cross a picket line!

**C**                                    **D**            **G**            **C G**    **C Em**    **C G**

You must never cross a picket line!

[Verse 4]

**G**

Oh, I want to live in a brand new Britain

**C**                    **D**            **G**

Never cross a picket line!

**G**

Where workers rights are enshrined and written

**C**                    **D**            **Em**

Never cross a picket line!

**C**                                    **D**            **G**

You must never cross a picket line!

[Chorus]

**G**

Look away, look away

**G**                    **D**            **G**

Look away out west to San Diego

**G**

Look away, look away

**G**                    **D**            **G**

Look away out east to far Osaka

**C**                    **D**            **Em**

where the dockers have organised

**C**                                    **D**            **G**

the world s longest picket line

[Verse 5]

**G**

The Tories are gone but there s no improvement

**C**                    **D**            **G**

Never cross a picket line!

**G**

Now where is the might of the Labour movement

**C**                    **D**            **Em**

Never cross a picket line!

**C**                                    **D**            **G**            **C D G**    **C D Em**    **C D G**

You must never cross a picket line!

[Chorus]

**G**

Look away, look away,

**G**

Look away down south to Auckland City

**G**

Look away, look away

**G**

Look away out west to old Vancouver

**C**                    **D**                    **Em**

where the dockers have organised

**C**    **D**                    **G**

the world s longest picket line

**C**                    **D**                    **Em**

Where the dockers have realised:

**C**    **D**                    **G**

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