

**The Internationale**  
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[Verse 1]

**A** **D**  
Stand up all victims of oppression  
**E7** **A** **E7**  
For the tyrants fear your might  
**A** **D**  
Don't cling so hard to your possessions  
**E7** **A**  
For you have nothing if you have no rights  
**E** **B7** **E**  
Let racist ignorance be ended  
**B7** **E** **B7**  
For respect makes the empires fall  
**E** **E7** **A**  
Freedom is merely privilege extended  
**E** **B7** **E** **E7**  
Unless enjoyed by one and all

[Chorus]

**A** **D**  
So come brothers and sisters  
**E7** **A** **E7**  
For the struggle carries on  
**A** **E7** **F#m** **C#7**  
The Inter-national-**E**  
**D** **B7** **E** **E7**  
Unites the world in song  
**A** **D**  
So come comrades and rally  
**E7** **A** **A7**  
For this is the time and place  
**F#7** **Bm7**  
The international ideal  
**A** **E7** **A**  
Unites the human race

[Verse 2]

(same as verse 1)

Let no one build walls to divide us

Walls of hatred or walls of stone  
Come greet the dawn and stand beside us  
We ll live together or we ll die alone  
In our world poisoned by exploitation  
Those who have taken, now they must give  
And end the vanity of nations  
We have but one world on which to live

[Chorus]

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[Verse 3]

(same as verse 1)

And so begins the final drama  
In the streets and in the fields  
We stand unbowed before their armor  
We defy their guns and shields  
When we fight provoked by their aggression  
Let us be inspired by life and love  
For though they offer us concessions  
Change will not come from above

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So come comrades and rally

**E7**

**A**

**A7**

For this is the time and place

**F#7**

**Bm7**

The international ideal

**A**

**E7**

**A**

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