

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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