

Ordinary Man
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Chords:

E - 133211 or xx3211
F# - 355433 or 320033
G#m - 577555 or x02210
B - x35553 or x32010
Eb - x79997 or 022100

[Intro]

E F# G#m (x3)

[Verse 1]

G#m **F#** **E** **G#m**
Iâ€™m an ordinary man, nothing special, nothing grand
E **F#** **G#m**
Iâ€™ve had to work for everything I own
G#m **F#** **E** **G#m**
I never asked for a lot, I was happy with what I got
E **F#** **G#m**
Enough to keep my family and my home

E **F#** **G#m** **E**
Now they say that times are hard and theyâ€™ve handed me my cards
E **Eb**
They say thereâ€™s not the work to go around
G#m **F#** **E** **G#m**
And when the whistle blows, the gates will finally close
E **F#** **G#m**
Tonight theyâ€™re going to shut this factory down
E **F#** **G#m**
And theyâ€™ll tare it d-o-w-n

[Bridge]

E F# G#m

[Verse 2]

G#m **F#** **E** **G#m**
I never missed a day, nor went on strike for better pay
E **F#** **G#m**
For 20 years I served them best I could
G#m **F#** **E** **G#m**
Now with a handshake and a cheque it seems so easy to forget
E **F#** **G#m**
Loyalty through the bad times and through good

E **F#** **G#m** **E**
The owner says heâ€™s sad to see that things have got so bad
E **Eb**
But the captains of industry wont let him lose
G#m **F#** **E** **G#m**
He still drives a car and smokes his cigar
E **F#** **G#m** **E** **F#** **G#m**
And still takes his family on a cruise, heâ€™ll never lose

[Instrumental]

E **F#** **G#m**

[Verse 3]

G#m **F#** **E** **G#m**
Now it seems to me such a cruel irony
E **F#** **G#m**
Heâ€™s richer now than ever he was before
G#m **F#** **E** **G#m**
Now my check is spent and I cant afford the rent
E **F#** **G#m**
Thereâ€™s one law for the rich, one for the poor
E **F#** **B** **F#** **G#m**
Every day Iâ€™ve tried to salvage some of my pride
E **Eb**
To find some work soâ€™s I might pay my way
G#m **F#** **E** **G#m**
Oh but everywhere I go, the answers always no
E **F#** **G#m**
Thereâ€™s no work for anyone here today
E **F#** **G#m**
No work t-o-C#-G#-y

[Instrumental]

E **F#** **G#m**

[Verse 4]

G#m **F#** **E** **G#m**
And so condemned I stand, just an ordinary man
E **F#** **G#m**
Like thousands beside me in the queue
G#m **F#** **E** **G#m**
I watch my darling wife trying to make the best of life
E **F#** **G#m**
And God knows what the kids are going to do
E **F#** **B** **G#m** **E**
Now that we are faced with this human waste
E **E♭**
A generation cast aside
G#m **F#** **E** **G#m**
As long as I live, I never will forgive,
E **F#** **G#m** **E** **F#** **G#m**
Youâ€™ve stripped me of my dignity and pride, you stripped me bare
E **F#** **G#m** **E** **F#** **G#m**
Youâ€™ve stripped me bare, youâ€™ve stripped me bare.

[Instrumental] (Until End)

E **F#** **G#m** (x6)