

**Industrial disease**  
**Dire Straits**

(A)Intro **D E G D C Bm A**

(A)Now warning lights are flashing down in quality control.  
Somebody threw a spanner and they threw him in the hole.  
there s rumours in the loading bay and anger in the town.  
somebody blew the whistle and the walls came down.  
There s a (D)meeting in the boardroom, they re trying to trace the smell,(C)(Bm)  
  
there s a (A)leaking in the washroom, there s a sneak in (D)Personnel.  
(E)Somewhere in a corridor someone was heard to sneeze.  
(A)Goodness me, goodness me, Industrial Disease!

(A)The caretaker was crucified for sleeping at his post,  
They re refusing to be pacified it s him they blame the most.  
The watchdog s got rabies, the foreman s got the fleas,  
And everyone s concerned about Industrial Disease.  
There s (D)panic on the switchboard, tongues are tied in knots.(C)(Bm)  
Some (A)come out in sympathy some come out in spots,  
(E)Some blame the management some the employees.  
(A)And everypon e knows it s the industrial disease

(A)Break **D E G D C Bm A**

(A)The workforce is disgusted, downs tools and walks.  
Innocence is injured; experience just talks.  
Everyone seeks damages and everyone agrees  
That these are classic symptoms of a monetary squeeze .  
On (D)ITV and BBC they talk about the curse.(C)(Bm)  
Phil(A)osophy is useless, theology is worse,  
(E)History boils over, there s an economics freeze;  
(A)Sociologists invent words that mean Industrial Disease

(A)Doctor Parkinson declared I m not surprised to see you here.  
You ve got smoker s cough from smoking, brewer s droop from drinking beer.  
I don t know how you came to get the Bette Davis knees,  
but worst of all young man you ve got Industrial Disease  
He (D)wrote me a prescription, he said You are depressed,(C)(Bm)  
but (A)I m glad you came to see me to get this off your chest.  
(E)Come back and see me later -- next patient please!  
(A)Send in another victim of Industrial Disease.

(A)Break **D E G D C Bm A**

(A)I go down to Speaker s Corner. I m thunderstruck!  
They got free speech, tourists, police in trucks.  
Two men say they re Jesus -- one of them must be wrong.  
There s a protest singer singing a protest song -- he says

They (D)wanna have a war so they can keep us on our knees.(C)(Bm)  
They (A)wanna have a war so they can keep their factories.  
(E)They wanna have a war to stop us buying Japanese.  
(A)They wanna have a war to stop Industrial Disease!

(A)They re pointing out the enemy to keep you deaf and blind.  
They wanna sap your energy, incarcerate your mind.  
They give you Rule Britannia, gassy beer, page three,  
two weeks in Espana and Sunday striptease.  
Mean(D)while the first Jesus says I d cure it soon,(C)(Bm)  
a(A)bolish monday mornings and friday afternoons.  
(E)The other one s out on hunger strike he s dying by degrees.  
(A)How come Jesus gets Industrial Disease?

(E)Outro G D C Bm A