

Working John Working Joe  
Jethro Tull

Intro: E5 D5 Dsus4 D D5  
Repeat Intro Sequence

verse 1

E5 D5

When I was a young man as all good tales begin  
string 3rd string 4th String single notes: 5th string 4th  
A5 or A2 D5 E5 open A h/o B D  
open G E  
I was taught to hold out my hand

Bridge: Play Intro chord sequence

E5 D5  
And for my pay I worked an honest day

A2 D5 E5 single notes: A B D G E  
and took what pittance I could win

Bridge: Play Intro chord sequence once

Chorus

E5 D5 E5 Dsus4 D D5  
Now I m a working John  
E5 D5 E5 Dsus4 D D5  
and I m a working Joe  
E5 D5 E5 Dsus4 D D5  
and I m doing what I know  
Bsus4  
for God and the Economy  
D5 Cmaj7/G  
Big brother watches over me  
E5 D5 Dsus4 D D5  
And the state protects and feeds me  
E5 D5 Dsus4 D D5  
And my conscience never leaves me  
E5 D5 Dsus4 D D5  
And I m loyal to the unions  
E5 D5 Dsus4 D D5  
who protect me at all levels

*Bridge:* INTRO CHORD PATTERN TWICE OVER GUITAR SOLO

*verse 2*

**E5**                      **D5**  
Now as I grew, the winds of fortune blew  
         **A5**                      **D5**    **E5**                      single notes: **A B D G E**  
and the bank smiled down upon me

*Bridge:* Intro chord pattern Once

**E5**                      **D5**  
And mortgaged to the hilt I threw  
         **A2**                      **D5**                      **E5**                      single notes: **A B D G E**  
the breeze of caution behind me

*Bridge:* Intro chord pattern once

*Chorus*

Now I m a working John and I m a working Joe  
and I m good at what I know  
And God and the Economy  
have blessed me with equality  
Now I m equal to the best of you  
And better than the rest of you  
who would criticise my success  
in times of national unrest

*Guitar Solo:* Intro twice and then play 2 bars each of **Bsus4** **A5** **E5** **Bsus4** **A5**  
**E5**

*verse 3*

**D5/F#**                      **E5**        **D5**  
Now I own a horseless carriage  
                                 **E5** **D5**  
in a central-heated garage  
                                 **E5** **D5**  
And I commute eight miles a day  
                                 **E5** **D5**  
up at seven to make it pay  
                                 **E5** **D5**  
I direct ten limited companies  
                                 **E5** **D5**  
with seeming consummate expertise  
                                 **E5** **D5**  
two ulcers and a heart disease  
                                 **E5**  
a trembling feeling in both knees

*Chorus*

(Tacet)                      **Dsus4** **D** **D5** **E5**                      **D5** **E5**    **Dsus4** **D** **D5**

I m a working John

and I m a working Joe