

Immigrant Workers on the Line
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Chords (verse): *am E F G | F C E - | am G C F | C G F G | G am | G am | G am | G am |*
Chords (bridge): *F C - G | F C - G | F C am G | F C am G |*
Chords (chorus): *F C | am E | F C | am E | F C G am | F C G7 - | F C G am | F E C - |*

Verse:

Comrade, have you heard of those brave workers in Chicago
Who prepared to chain themselves to their machines?
The boss tried to steal their pay; they put their bodies in the way
Reminding us all what class struggle means
 And the man on the radio screams
 Those people steal jobs away
 But we all won when they won the day
 And they made us all dream bigger dreams

Bridge:

So hurray for the members of UE 1110
Raising up the spirit of the union again
And though the factory doors are shut they're manufacturing, behold
They built a window to a new world, and a door out of the old

Chorus:

Across the ocean, across the desert
Across the Rio Grande
Into the unknown, but you're not quite alone
You grasp your comrade's hand
 In the Triangle Fire, in the Ludlow Strike, in Haymarket Square
 In the Lawrence Strike, in the Free Speech Fights, and everywhere
 Where the risks are the gravest, the bravest you'll find
 Include the immigrant workers on the line

Verse:

Comrade, have you heard of those brave workers in New Orleans?
Having wagered their life savings on a job across the sea
From India they came to live packed into company trailers
In a crude first world facsimile of third world poverty
 And the company owns your H2B
 Can deport you whenever they like
 But the workers went on hunger strike
 And they marched from New Orleans to D.C.

Bridge

So hurray for the pipefitters who worked at Signal Co
Raising up a lamp to show us all the way to go
And when they walked off the job they sent a signal loud and clear
We are sisters, we are brothers in the struggle, we are here

Chorus (repeats)