

If the Workers Take a Notion
by Al Bradbury, chorus lyrics by Joe Hill (capo +2)

If the workers take a notion, we can stop the speeding trains C G F CG
Every ship upon the ocean we can tie with mighty chains C G F CG
Every wheel in the creation, every mine and every mill F C F G
Fleets and armies of all nations will at our command stand still C C7 F G

I was glued to Al Jazeera, weren't you, weren't you? C G am G
As the people took down Ben Ali and then Mubarak too C G am G
And they took no compromise, they stood their ground F em G em
And in the end it was the strikes that brought him down F em G em
I guess what Joe Hill said was true am - G -
And in Egypt they know it too... am - G -

If the workers...

Well Wisconsin bowled me over, how 'bout you, how bout you
When they took that building over, built a city in it too
How the Capitol was shirted up in red
And the leaders followed when the people led
I guess what Joe Hill said was true
And in Wisconsin they know it too...

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I've been shivering in my boots, well, haven't you, haven't you
Since the earthquake hit Japan and all those safe reactors blew
And as the U.S. launches yet another war
Sometimes I want to stay home and lock the door
But if what Joe Hill said was true
There's a lot we've got to do...

If the workers...