

'We Will Strike in Anger'

- to the tune of 'Don't Look Back in Anger' by Oasis
(by Sussex UCU member)

Come and join at the picket line
And I think you might find
We reject the deal today.
It seems like you've never been
But all the pensions we've seen
Will slowly fade away
So let's start a revolution on this strike
'Cause the uni's full of things that we don't
like
Step outside, resistance is in bloom
Singing upon the picket line
You won't compromise what's mine
You ain't ever gonna burn our strike out
Wooaaah, Sally, just can wait,
Don't capitulate, scream the picket lines
UCU, put your pens away!
Or we will strike in anger,
Fuck U-UK!

We'll take you to the place where you go
Where everybody knows, your deal's not ok
But please don't put our rights in the hands
Of the VCs in this land
Who'll throw them all away

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Don't capitulate, scream the picket lines
UCU, put your pens away!
Or we will strike in anger, or we will strike in
anger:
Say no today.

Reject the deal today!

'Don't Stop Believin''

- to the tune of the Journey song by the same name

(by Sussex UCU member)

Just a small-town girl,
Working in a capt'list world
She took the Falmer train to the picket lines

Just a city boy
Who unis wanted to exploit
Took the Falmer train to the picket lines

A picket in the rain and snow,
None of us intend to go!
With some songs, they could stay all night
And go on and on and on and on

Pickets waiting
Up and down the boulevards
Their placards reaching to the skies
Students, workers
Understand the depth of feeling
Rejecting all deficit lies

Working hard,
Should get my fill
I never have time for a thrill
UUU have gone and rolled the dice
For one last time

We will win, they will lose
Jarvis will just sing the blues
Or the strike will never end
It'll go on and on and on and on

Pickets waiting
Up and down the boulevards
Their placards reaching to the
skies
Students, workers
Understand the depth of feeling
Rejecting all deficit lies

Don't stop believing
We hold on to the feeling
Students, workers - oh!

Don't stop believing
Hold on
Students, workers

Don't stop believing
We hold on to the feeling
Students, workers - oh, oh, oh!
Don't stop believing!

'Don't Take Another Little Piece'

- to the tune of 'Another Little Piece' by Janis Joplin

(by Sussex UCU member)

Oh, come on, come on, come on,
come on!

Didn't I make you feel like you were
the only union!

An' didn't I give you nearly
everything that a member possibly
can?

Sally, you know I did!

And each time I tell myself that I,
well I think I've had enough,

But I'm gonna show you, Sally, that a
member can be tough.

[Chorus:]

Don't want you to come on, come on,
come on, come on and take it,

Don't take it!

Don't take another little piece of my
pension, Sally!

Oh, oh, don't break it!

Don't break another little bit of my
heart now, Sally, yeah, yeah, yeah.

Oh, oh, don't have a!

Don't have another little piece of my
heart now, Sally.

You know you got it if - it don't make
us feel feel good,

Oh, yes indeed.

We're out on the streets looking
good,

Never, never, never, never, never, never hear me
when I cry at night, Sally, and I cry all the time!

But each time I tell myself that I, well I can't stand
the pain,

We raise our voices on the pickets, and sing it once
again

Chorus x 2

You know you got it - whoahhhhh!!

Chorus x 1

You know you got it, Sally, so make UCU good!

And Sally deep down in your heart I
guess you know that it ain't right,

G
When the union's inspiration through the workers' blood shall run,
C G
There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun;
G B7 Em
Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one,
Am D7 G
But the union makes us strong.

Solidarity forever, solidarity forever,
Solidarity forever, for the union makes us strong.

Is there aught we hold in common with the greedy parasite,
Who would lash us into serfdom and would crush us with his might?
Is there anything left to us but to organize and fight?
For the union makes us strong.

Chorus

It is we who ploughed the prairies; built the cities where they trade;
Dug the mines and built the workshops, endless miles of railroad laid;
Now we stand outcast and starving midst the wonders we have made;
But the union makes us strong.

Chorus

All the world that's owned by idle drones is ours and ours alone.
We have laid the wide foundations; built it skyward stone by stone.
It is ours, not to slave in, but to master and to own.
While the union makes us strong.

Chorus

They have taken untold millions that they never toiled to earn,
But without our brain and muscle not a single wheel can turn.
We can break their haughty power, gain our freedom when we learn
That the union makes us strong.

Chorus

In our hands is placed a power greater than their hoarded gold,
Greater than the might of armies, multiplied a thousand-fold.
We can bring to birth a new world from the ashes of the old
For the union makes us strong.

Chorus

Bm F#
On a dark empty campus, cool wind in my hair
A E
Advertising slogans rising up through the air
G D
All around are the buildings, all shiny and new
E F#
All a little bit too grand for the likes of me and you
No one stood in the doorway, no one stood on the lawn
And I was thinking to myself 'where have all the people gone?'
But the posters looked expensive and they showed me the way
There were voices down the corridors, thought I heard them say

G D
Welcome to the hotel academia
Em Bm
Such an empty place, such an empty space
G D
Plenty of room at the hotel academia
Em F#
Any time of year, you can find it here

The management is all twisted, they've got the Mercedes bends
They've got a lot of wealthy city boys that they call friends
See them try to get a cheap loan so that they can expand
Although they won't pay staff pensions unless we force their hand
So I called up the VC, and asked him to get this fixed
The VC said 'we've got to save money' and went on with the usual tricks
And still those voices are calling from far away
They'll go on and on at you and this is what they say

Welcome to the hotel academia
Such an empty place, such an empty space
Living it up at the hotel academia
Where you buy a degree and pay enormous fees

REF reports on the bookshelves, TEF reports on the floor,
The NSS reports are stacked up by the door
And up at head office they're strategizing for the rest
They've not been in a classroom for years but still they know best
Last thing I remember I was running for the door
Trying to figure out what university is actually for
'Relax' said the VC, 'You don't need pensions anyway,
The way this sector is going you'll work until your dying day'

First Chorus (Plenty of room...)

D

G

This strike keeps lifting me higher

Em

D

Than I've ever been lifted at work

So keep it up, stand in solidarity

We'll support each other, for ever more

You know this strike keeps lifting me higher, higher and higher

This strike keeps lifting me higher, higher and higher

Now once sitting in endless meetings

Disappointment was my closest friend

Mailbox full and spreadsheets all over

I dreamt of never ticking a box again

Chorus

I'm so glad we finally took action

Yeah, you, me, and thousands more

And with good people all around me

I can stand up, and resist this market shit

Chorus

G B7 C A
Striking in the morning sun, I'll be striking when the evening comes
Watching the bosses roll in, then watch them roll away again

G E G E
I'm standing on the picket line, watching the scabs pass by

G A G E
I'm waiting while UUK waste my time

I left my home in Reading, and I headed for Shinfield Road
I got no pension to live for, looks like nothing's gonna come my way

Chorus

G D C
Looks like nothing's gonna change

G D C
Everything seems to stay the same

G D C G
I can't teach the way they tell me to

F D
So I guess I won't play their game

I'm standing here freezing my bones, but at least I know I'm not
alone

A few thousand pounds in loans, and I still can't call this campus my
home

Chorus

E B A E

I see UCU a-rising

I see trouble on the way

I see that UUK are lying

I see the strike goes on today

A

Don't cross the picket line

E

Stand up for what is right

B A E

UCU are on the rise

I hear that UUK are panicking

They know the end is coming soon

Their ideas wouldn't pass a peer-review

They must take us for a bunch of fools

Chorus

Hope you'll come and stand with us together

Hope you'll help support us in our strike

We're out here in sun or nasty weather

We're out here until we win this fight

Chorus

Dm

Dm E F E Dm E F E Dm

We all need good education

Dm E F E E F G

We don't need no pension cuts

No lecture-capture in the classroom

VC, leave them staff alone

G

Hey! VC! Leave them staff alone

F C Dm

All in all, it's just another brick in the wall

All in all, you're just another brick in the wall

We don't need no shiny buildings

We don't need no league tables

No foreign campus in Malaysia

VC, leave them staff alone

Hey! VC! Leave them staff alone

All in all, it's just another brick in the wall

All in all, you're just another brick in the wall

(kazoo solo).

'Don't Stop Me Now'

- to the tune of the Queen song by the same name

(by Sussex UCU member)

Today I'm gonna be right here, on picket lines

I feel alive - And the world

I'll turn it inside out - yeah

We're picketing here in ecstasy

So don't stop me now, Don't stop me

'Cause I'm striking for pensions

Striking for pensions

I'm a shooting star leaping through the sky

Like a tiger - Defying the claws of precarity

Flying racing cars, no passing by like Lady Godiva

I'm gonna strike, strike, strike,

There's no stopping me

I'm burnin' through the sky, yeah

For pensions, 'gainst fees

Watch our struggles come here and unite

We flyer at the speed of light

I wanna make a supersonic member of you

We're strik-ing now

We're in the cold for pensions

But having a ball

Don't stop me now!

If you want us to stop striking, give VCs a call

Don't stop me now (we want our pensions)

Don't stop me now (we want our pensions)

And we're not gonna stop at all

Yeah, I'm a rocket ship on my way to Mars. On a collision course

I am a satellite, I'm out of control

I am a sex machine ready to reload

Like an atom bomb about to Oh oh oh oh oh explode

I'm burnin' through the sky, yeah - For pensions, 'gainst fees

Watch our struggles come here and unite

We flyer at the speed of light - I wanna make a supersonic member of you

Don't stop me don't stop me, Don't stop me hey hey hey

Don't stop me don't stop me - Ooh ooh ooh, I like it

Don't stop me don't stop me -

Strike for pensions, pensions

Don't stop me don't stop me ah - Oh yeah, Alright

I'm burnin' through the sky, yeah

For pensions, 'gainst fees

Watch our struggles come here and unite

We flyer at the speed of light

I wanna make a supersonic member of you

Don't stop me now

I'm in the cold for pensions

But I'm having a ball

Don't stop me now

If you wanna have fair pension (wooh)

Just give VCs call (alright)

Don't stop me now (I'm striking for pensions - yeah yeah)

Don't stop me now (but I'm havin' a good time)

I don't want to stop at all