

250 IWW Songs: A Collection of Labor History's Most Powerful Protest Songs



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250 IWW Songs is a collection of labor history's most powerful protest songs. These songs were written and sung by members of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), a radical labor union founded in 1905. The songs reflect the IWW's commitment to class struggle, solidarity, and direct action. They are a testament to the power of music to inspire and mobilize workers.

The IWW was founded in the early 20th century, a time of great labor unrest in the United States. Workers were facing long hours, low wages, and dangerous working conditions. The IWW organized workers in a variety of industries, including mining, logging, and manufacturing. The union's goal was to create a more just and equitable society for all workers.

The IWW's songs were an important part of the union's organizing efforts. The songs were used to educate workers about their rights, to inspire them to take action, and to build solidarity among workers. The songs were also used to celebrate the IWW's victories and to mourn its losses.

250 IWW Songs is a collection of the most popular and enduring songs from the IWW's history. The songs are arranged chronologically, and they provide a snapshot of the union's發展 over time. The songs are also annotated, providing historical context and background information on the songs and the people who wrote them.

250 IWW Songs is a valuable resource for anyone interested in labor history, protest music, or folk music. The songs are a powerful reminder of the struggles and sacrifices of workers throughout history. They are also a testament to the power of music to inspire and mobilize people for change.

Here are a few examples of the songs included in 250 IWW Songs:

- **"Solidarity Forever"** is the IWW's most famous song. It was written by Ralph Chaplin in 1915, and it has become an anthem for the labor movement around the world.
- **"The Preacher and the Slave"** is a powerful ballad about a preacher who is confronted by a slave. The song challenges the hypocrisy of the church and the evils of slavery.
- **"Hallelujah, I'm a Bum"** is a humorous song about the plight of the unemployed worker. The song was written by Harry McClintock in 1914, and it has become a popular folk song.
- **"Which Side Are You On?"** is a rousing song about the need for workers to take sides in the class struggle. The song was written by

Florence Reece in 1931, and it has become a popular anthem for labor activists.

- **"We Have Fed You All for a Thousand Years"** is a powerful indictment of the capitalist system. The song was written by Joe Hill in 1911, and it has become a classic labor song.

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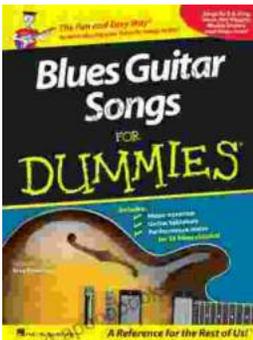
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