Internationale

Billy Bragg

Rise up, all victims of oppression

For the tyrants fear your might

Don't cling so hard to your possessions

For you have nothing, if you have no rights

Let racist ignorance be ended

For respect makes the empires fall

Freedom is merely privilege extended

Unless enjoyed by one and all.

CHORUS:

So come brothers ‘n sisters

For the struggle carries on

The Internationale

Unites the world in song

So comrades come rally

For this is the time and place

The international ideal

Unites the human race.

Let no one build walls to divide us

Walls of hatred nor walls of stone

Oh greet the dawn and come and join us

We'll live together or we'll die alone

In our world poisoned by exploitation

Those who have taken, now they must give

And end the vanity of nations

We've but one Earth on which to live.

[RPT CHORUS]

And so begins the final drama

In the streets and in the fields

We’ll resist united ‘gainst their armour

We’ll defy their guns and shields

When we fight, provoked by their aggression

Let’s be inspired by life and love

For though they offer us concessions

Change will not come from above.

[RPT CHORUS]