

Ode to the Union
Sterling Ball
(To the tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic")

Mine eyes have seen the thunder from
The CO's horrible brutes
AS they intimidate us workers
With their laws and twisted truths
They still harass us
Till we feel so weak and small
And think there's just no hope at all

CHORUS

L-o-n-g live the unions
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To keep the bastards in their place.

Shop conditions are better
The work is equal to the pay
We have fringes and insurance
And a shorter working day
The foreman's still a bastard
But he doesn't stand in our way
He knows the union's here to stay

Our fight was long and hard to get
Just where we are today
We have shed our blood and gone without
So we could have our say
And now that we have won it
I'll-be-damned if we'll give it away
And the union's here to stay.