

# The Internationale

Billy Bragg

Stand 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  
So come brothers and 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  
Come greet the dawn and stand beside 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  
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And so begins the final drama  
In the streets and in the fields  
We stand unbowed before their Armour  
We defy their guns and shields  
When we fight, provoked by their aggression  
Let us be inspired by life and love  
For though they offer us concessions  
Change will not come from above  
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