

All the Machines Are Quiet

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We're walking out
We're downing our tools.
This management
They take us for fools.

All we're asking is

A living wage
A living wage
A living wage

And now

There's nothing I can do
I spend my days in dreams
And join the endless queue,
So far from the machines,
All the machines are quiet.

I could scream

All the machines are quiet. I'll take the kids
To Chessington zoo.

The big gorilla,
He looks just like you.

Watch that tiger
Pacing in his cage.

I feel his rage.
I feel his rage.

And now

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All the machines are quiet. The winter's coming
We need new shoes.
I'm selling the car,
I'm paying my dues.

The union bosses

Tell us five more weeks - five more weeks -
Five more weeks
And now

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