TORY DEMO

1st Oct 2017 Manchester Assemble:12noon (probably) Location (tbc)

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1 (Siso) Bambalela

Tune: Trad South African - shared by Susie Prater Words: Trad South African - shared by Susie Prater

Siso Bambalela. O bambalela (x 3) Bamba (x 5), O Bamba, bambalela Never give up, O never give up, Never (x 5), O never, never give up

2 Bandiera Rossa

Tune: Italian anti-fascist song Words: Italian anti-fascist song

Avanti popolo, a la rescossa Bandiera rossa, bandiera rossa Avanti popolo, a la rescossa Bandiera rossa trionfera

CHORUS. Bandiera rossa trionfera (x 3) Eviva socialismo e la liberta

Arise you people, unto the struggle, The red flag flying, the red flag flying. Arise you people, unto the struggle, The red flag flying triumphantly.

CHORUS.

Arise you workers, fling to the breeze The scarlet banner, the scarlet banner Arise you workers, fling to the breeze The scarlet banner triumphantly.

CHORUS.

3 Bella Ciao

Tune: Adapted from an Italian antifascist song. Words: Adapted from an Italian antifascist song. (Liverpool Socialist Singers) This NHS version by Raised Voices with austerity additions

Oh we are marching, for all the nurses. Oh bella ciao, bella ciao, bella ciao ciao ciao.

They have worked to care for patients, and we'll work to save them now

Oh we are marching, for all the doctors Oh bella ciao.....

They have fought to save their patients, and we'll fight to save them now

Oh we are marching for all the patients Oh bella ciao

They need a good & local service0 and we'll march to save it now

The public sector is for the people, Oh bella ciao... The public sector is for the people Not for sale to profiteers.

Oh we are singing for education. Oh bella ciao We are singing for education, we will fight to keep it free

They cut the funding, they cut the workers, Oh bella ciao.. They cut the funding, they cut the workers, Ain't no big society!

4 Fracking Anthem

Tune: 'Jerusalem' Parry Words: Simon Welsh, Balcombe 2013

And did they frack in ancient times? Poisoning water, once so clean? And were their filthy rigs of doom On England's pleasant pastures seen? And did the only face of truth Shine forth upon our clouded hills? And do the frackers know time is up To use their dark satanic drills?

Come join us here and sing your song Sing of the justice you desire Assist us now! These frackers are wrong We now remember: We're the choir! We will not cease from camping here Nor shall we rest till fracking's banned Till we have kicked these frackers out Of England's green and pleasant land

5 Roll the Union On

Tune: John Hancocks / Lee Hayes Words: new verses by Liverpool Socialist Singers

CHORUS

We're gonna roll (we're gonna roll) We're gonna roll (we're gonna roll) We're gonna roll the Union on (x2)

And if the bosses get in the way We're gonna roll right over them, Gonna roll right over them, And if the bosses get in the way We're gonna roll right over them, We're gonna roll the Union on! ... CHORUS

And if the Tories get in the way We're gonna roll right over them.... CHORUS

And if May gets in the way We're gonna roll right over her.. CHORUS

And if Hammond gets in the way We're gonna roll right over him.. CHORUS

6 TORY TOFFS (E)

Tune: John Brown's Body tradnl. Young and old and white and black, Join the march today. We must defend our services And make the bankers pay. We're fighting for our future now And this is what we say: No ifs, no buts, no public sector cuts!

Chorus: Tory, Tory cuts no thanks, Ma-am, Fox and Hunt they love the ban-kers We think they're a load of (.....)Tory Toffs, No ifs, no buts, no public sector cuts.

Our hospitals and nurseries Are there for human need. Our libraries and schools are there To help our children read. They're not there to make profit from Or serve the bankers' greed. No ifs, no buts, no NHS cuts. **(Chorus)**

7 Save Our Public Services ®

Tune: Congolese folksong: Si Si Do-le-da Words: Protest in Harmony

Save our public services This is not the only way out (x2)

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Dashing hopes, crushing dreams This is not the only way out (x2)

Stand up and shout This is not the only way out (x2)

8 Siya Hamba

Tune: Trad. South African Arrangement: Niels Erlank/ John Hamilton Words: Trad. South African (additional Liverpool Socialist Singers)

Siya hamb' ekameni lokolo. (x 4) (kolo) Siya hamba, hamba, siya hamba, hamba siya hamb' ekameni lokolo (kolo).

- 1. We are singing out against the cuts...
- 2. We are fighting for the NHS.....
- 3. We are gonna axe the bedroom tax..
- 4. We are marching in the name of peace,

9 Trident, Trident

Tune: Daisy, Daisy Words: new verses by Liverpool Socialist Singers

Trident, Trident what an insane idea Thousands homeless all for the cost of fear We can't afford medication Or proper education But we must pay 2 million a day So that Britain can disappear.

Health cuts, health cuts - nursing a luxury Balanced budgets obscure the priority The Chancellor is stealthy He dare not tax the wealthy But our taxes pay Without our say For unusable weaponry.

Trident, Trident, the whole thing has gone too far If we don't stop them we're sure of a nuclear war We have to send them packing Before they start attacking, And pull the chain, On all who gain, From the criminal arms bazaar.

Trident, Trident give us a break please do We'll go bankrupt all for the price of you We'll lose even more employment And most of life's enjoyment, You're a travesty, Of 'security' And no-one will cry for you.

10 Union Miner / A Miner's Life is like a Sailor

Tune: Life's Railway to Heaven Words: George Evans, Aberaman, South Wales 1951adapted Janet Russell 2015)

A miner's life is like a sailor's 'board a ship to cross the waves

Every day his life's in danger, still he ventures being brave

Watch the rocks, they're falling daily, careless miners always fail

Keep your hands upon your wages and your eyes upon the scale

CHORUS

Union miners, stand together, do not heed the owners' tale

Keep your hand upon your wages and your eyes upon the scale

We've been cheated and exploited, we've been loading two for one

What have we to show for working since austerity began?

Frozen wages, worn out workers, can't afford to pay the rent

Working 3 jobs, zero hours, and all the money's spent

CHORUS

C'mon all you people, stand together, do not heed the Tories tale

Fight for jobs and living wages, do not let your courage fail

In Conclusion bear in memory, keep this thought strong in your mind

There's no hope for us the workers till in union we combine

Stand up strong and stand together, don't forget the fights we've won

Fight for rights and fight for wages, for the battle's never won

CHORUS

C'mon all you people, stand together, do not heed the Tories tale

Fight for jobs and living wages, do not let your courage fail

11 Wave Bye Bye to PFI!

Tune: Hokey Cokey , Words: Liverpool Socialist Singers

They take our taxes in, our taxes out They give them to the bankers And they shake 'em all about They build us all a hospital and keep the change That's why we want them out! (OUT!)

CHORUS Ohhhhh– Tories are pollution! Weeve got a cool solution! Briiiing on the revolution! Wave bye bye to P-F-I!

They take our taxes in, our taxes out They give them to the bankers And they shake 'em all about They build us an academy and keep the change That's why we want them out! (OUT!) CHORUS

They take our taxes in, our taxes out They give them to the bankers And they shake 'em all about They build us all a library and keep the change That's why we want them out! (OUT!) CHORUS

Well there's high street banks and multinationals too

They're making loads of money Out of me and out of you But if we stand together we can make a change That's how we'll get them out! (OUT!) CHORUS

12 We will rise! by Dr Vole & Paula

Boulton, for Côr Gobaith, updated Jan 2017

Theresa's got a brand-new plan – society should "share".

But when it comes to sharing out, do Tories really care?

Who gets the bigger slice of cake when she has done the sums?

The bosses and the bankers and their usual band of chums!

Chorus:

We will rise, we will rise We will not accept those politicians' lies. So come on get out and fight, Unite against the right We will rise, we will rise!

The students and the workers march in solidarity

No messing with our NHS and no tuition fee. Public sector services are everybody's right And trying to steal our pensions - that is just an act of spite!

Chorus

We'll give you all a grammar school to cater for the best

Though we're not really sure what we will do with all the rest.

The main thing is: we put in place the old eleven-plus -

It does a very useful job dividing them from us.

Chorus

Repeal the hunting bill and ban the workers' right to strike,

Swap wind and sunny subsidies for fracking where they like.

Close the UK borders, and gag the BBC -

What a lovely Tory-land it's turning out to be! Chorus

Disabled people won't sit by while social justice dies.

We challenge all those "useless eater", "scrounging cripple" lies.

We're working if we can - and if we can't, we need support.

The world is not accessible and that is not our fault!

Chorus

We want a million climate jobs at this eleventh hour.

Let's scrap the Hinkley deal and challenge corporations' power.

True power comes from wind and waves and marching till we win -

Nudge the Tories where it hurts and put them in a spin!

Chorus

So come on women, workers, claimants, speak up one and all!

We're telling Thatcher's groupies that their empire's going to fall,

And though we may be kettled by police brutality

We won't give up until we have a fair society! **Chorus**

13 Mark my words

Music and words: Grace Petrie Arr. Sandra Kerr, Additional words: Kelvin Mason

Can we meet your blood with kindness? Can we meet your hate with love? Can we keep our years of silence as you crush us from above? As the judgment day draws closer, as the reckoning draws near There's plenty more of us than you here Mark my words, we will rise As the judgment day draws closer, as the reckoning draws near There's plenty more of us than you here

Can we meet your cuts with oneness? Can we make a brighter day? Can we keep our sense of wonder as you strip our dreams away?

As the people's anger gathers, as injustice becomes clear

There's always more of us than you here Mark my words, we will rise Mark my words, we will rise

As the people's anger gathers, as injustice becomes clear

There's always more of us than you here

Will you lock our door to migrants? Will you sell our NHS? Will you curse our land with Trident, leave our Earth a fracking mess? As our movements get together, as the people lose their fear There's masses more of us than you here Mark my words, we will rise As our movements get together, as the people lose their fear There's masses more of us than you here

Do you think that we'll keep quiet? Do you think you've worn us out? Don't you hear the people singing, can't you hear the people shout? As the voices of the choir sound a warning in your ear There's many more of us than you, hear! Mark my words, we will rise Mark my words, we will rise As the voices of the choir sound a warning in your ear There's many more of us, do you hear!

14 You won't Be Fracking Long!

Tune: The Laughing Policeman Words: Marie Walsh / adapted Liverpool Socialist Singers

CHORUS

You won't be fracking long, you won't be fracking long

Wherever fracking's threatened we'll sing our fracking song

And if you fracking bankers can't see there's something wrong

You think you're fracking clever but you won't be fracking long!

If you're in the fracking business you really ought to know

That all your fracking progress will be painfully slow

We'll block your fracking test sites and your fracking engineers

And we'll bring your fracking business down around your fracking ears. CHORUS

So they've had their fracking tax break from Osborne in Whitehall

Which isn't so surprising when you understand it all

The oil and gas investors pay for many a Tory toff

Yes they're "all in this together" just like porkers at the trough! CHORUS

So if you have some money that you're wanting to invest

Don't put it into fracking that leaves the world a mess

There's sun and wind and water that can power the human race

And every green investor makes the world a safer place

CHORUS

15 POWER IN THE UNION (Starts B)

Billy Bragg. Arr: Jane Edwardson

There is power in the factory There's power in the land (oh) Power in the hand of the worker. But it all amounts to nothing If together we don't stand There is power in the union.

Now the lessons of the past Were all learned with workers blood The mistakes of the bosses we must pay for From the cities and the farmlands To the trenches full of mud War has been the bosses way, sir.

> CHORUS 1: The union forever, Defending our rights Stand with the picket, All workers unite With our sisters and our brothers In many far off lands There is power in the union.

Now I long for the morning When they realize Oppression and injustice can't defeat us But who'll defend the workers Who cannot organize When the bosses send their lackeys out to cheat us. *CHORUS 2: Money speaks for money*

CHORUS 2: Money speaks for money The devil for his own. Who comes to speak for The flesh and bone? What a comfort to the widow A light to the child There is power in the union. Repeat CHORUS 1

16 THE INTERNATIONALE (original)

(Starts Eb) Words French: Eugene Pottier. Music: Pierre Degeyter. Arr. Wm.Robertson

Arise! Ye starvelings from your slumbers Arise! Ye criminals of want. For reason in revolt now thunders And at last ends the age of cant. Now away with all superstitions, Servile masses arise, arise! We'll change forthwith the old conditions And spurn the dust to win the prize.

> CHORUS: Then comrades come rally And the last fight let us face. The International Unites the human race (x 2)

No saviour from on high deliver, No trust have we in prince or peer. Our own right hand the chains must sever, Chains of hatred, of greed, of fear. 'Ere the thieves will disgorge their booty And to all give a happier lot, Each at their forge must do their duty And strike the iron while it's hot. CHORUS

We peasants, artisans and others, Enrolled a<u>mong</u> the daughters <u>and</u> the sons of toil, Let's claim the earth henceforth for workers, Drive the indolent from the soil. On our flesh long has fed the raven, We've too long been the vulture's prey But now farewell the spirit craven, The dawn brings in a brighter day. *CHORUS*

17 INTERNATIONALE (starts E) 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 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've taken now they must give And end the vanity of nations We've but one Earth on which to live

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 us be inspired by light and love For thought they offer us concessions Change will not come from above.

CHORUS

18. Zero Hours

Tune: Day-) (The Banana Boat Song) Words: Graham Marsden, Janet Russell

Chorus Zero, ze-e-e-ro Zero hours is bad for the soul Zero, ze-e-e-ro No more zero is our goal

I work all night and I work all day Zero hours d on't give me fair pay I work all night and I work all day Zero hours don't give me no say Chorus

I wait a t home for the call to come This week, next, food's all gone I can't plan work and I can't plan home Zero hours means we've been done Chorus

They gave me a job and I signed off Zero hours has got control Come to work then I get laid off Feel I'm sinking in a big deep hole Chorus

With zero hours I wait for the call Zero hours, I don't know when Too often it don't come at all WillI I ever get to work again Chorus

The bosses sit back they pick and choose It's no job I'm just a slave Me and my mates are the ones who lose Zero hours is digging my grave Chorus

19. Ilkley Moor A&E

Where hast tha bin since I saw thee, I saw thee On Ilkley Moor bar ta-at I ended up in A & E She ended up in A & E (where the doctors work all night) The doctors looked at me They treated me for free They did not charge a fee

Where has tha bin since I saw thee, I saw thee I went out mountain biking I ended up in A & E She ended up in A & E (where the doctors work all night) The doctors looked at me They treated me for free They did not charge a fee

3rd verse – I fell out of a tree (second line) 4th verse – I got in a scuffle at a demo (second line) 5th verse- Standing at the gates on Preston New Road/at Kirby Misperton (second line) 6th verse – Getting cut out of a lock on. (second line)

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