

4. POOR SONG

Music: Gary Daverne
 Words: Ruth Hamilton

Marching - With Pride ♩ = 112

Chorus

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(Verses could be solo lines) They *f*

Piano

5

left their wives and child-ren. They left their homes and friends. To
 new bill of en-clos-ure. Has left us with-out homes. They've
 fac-tories can't em-employ them. They're turned a-way in scorn. And

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fight a-against Na-pol- e-on. So Bone - y would not win. They
 losttheir way of liv - ing. And hung - er threat-ens them. Their
 par - lia-ment and mer-chants. In - creased the price for corn. Their

Everyone:

13

fought to suc-cour Eng-land. So free-dom could bear fruit. But
 child-ren work in fact-or-ies. Their wives are their slaves too. They
 child-ren die from hun-ger. Their wives are maimed at work. The

17

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 toil for six-teen hours a day. But still can't pay for food. They
 rich care but for rich re-ward. Their lives the price that'spaid. The

mp

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f And

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if they steal a rab - bit, to fill their child - ren's

f

32

mouths. They're hanged or they're trans - por - ted The

35

price for be - ing poor. They're sent if they owe

38

mo - ney. Off to the deb - tor's Jail. *mp* Then

41

they can nei - ther pay their bills or buy their fam - il - ies

44

food. And Eng - land did not suc - cour them. She

47

left them des - ti - tute. *rit.* She left them des - ti -

50 **Slower** ♩ = 86

tute. **ff**

Narrator:
1816 - Men, women, children toil for 16 hours a day in
appalling conditions.

Slower ♩ = 86

f **mp** **ff**

Somber wail

54

p Wah *p* *p* Wah! *f*

(Under narrator. Repeat as required)

p Cue notes

Narrator: *Many are maimed or killed at work.
 Most die young from occupational diseases.
 Many are forced to apply for poor relief as wages
 are below subsistence level.
 Among the common people a savage anger breaks out.*

57 $\text{♩} = 86$ **Chanting**

ff

Burn the mills, burn them. Burn the mills, burn them.
 Wreck ma - chines, wreck them. Wreck ma - chines, wreck them.
 Sack the towns, sack them. Sack the towns, sack them.
 Burn the mills, burn them. Burn the mills, burn them.

tap piano 3 3 4x

Pedal held down

59 **Start with a low pitch, ending up shouting.**

Burn Burn, Burn Burn, Burn Burn, Burn Burn, Burn *fff*

fff

Straight on

Narrator: *1817. The situation has intensified.*

64 With Anger ♩ = 108

Women: *f* My son, hus - band

Women: My son, hus - band broth - er lo - ver

f

8va

♩ = 108

Pedal held down

68

Ar - rest - ed im - pris - oned

Ar - rest - ed im - pris - oned de - port - ed.

71

Hanged for his part in the ri - ots.

Hanged for his part in the ri - ots.

ff

ff

8va

Narrator: *The rioting has been stopped by hanging or transporting those involved.*

1818: *The plight of the common people is unchanged.*