

**AB24**

JOINT UNION EDUCATION PROJECT SONG SHEET.

1.

What a system what a system  
what a system what a crime  
we can't mend it we can end it  
end it now and for all time

In a tunnel hot as blazes  
excavating for a mine  
he digs gold among the rockfalls  
as they pay him two and nine

In a city on a corner  
stands a house that's mighty grand  
where in glory and in splendour  
lives the magnate of the Rand  
(Witwatersrand)

Up above the mining compound  
when he joins the picket line  
he is labour agitator  
and his life's not worth a dime

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2.

Hlangeni basebenzi (twice)  
Hlanganani (CHORUS)

IGAWU yinhlangano yabasebenzi  
IGAWU yinhlangano yabasebenzi

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3.

Amandla  
Amandla ngawethu  
Yabasebenzi  
Basebenzi mas' manyaneni

Ilizwe  
Ilizwe ngelethu  
Yabasebenzi  
Basebenzi mas' manyaneni

Kudala  
Kudala sisebenzela amaBhunu  
Yabasebenzi  
Basebenzi mas' manyaneni

Solime etsheni  
Kudala sisebenzela amaBhunu  
Yabasebenzi  
Basebenzi mas' manyaneni

4. Rev "AB 24"

Wozanini Basebenzi  
Nizofunda nizokwazi  
Amandlenu Ngamakhulu  
nge Union engeyethu

Umsebenzi oyedwana  
Amandlakhe mancanyana  
Uyaxoshwa eyedwana  
Uholelwa kancanyana

Basebenzi hlanganani  
Nibemunye emoyeni  
Nisizane nibambane  
Nokwaziwa nohlonishwa

Sizonqoba ngeqiniso  
Sohlbnishwa ndawozonke  
Nokuxoshwa kopheliswa  
nge Union engeyethu

Arekopeneng Ma-Afrika  
Arekopeneng mesebetsing  
Arekopeneng rebuisane  
Ho ba kopano kematla

Arekopeneng Ma-Afrika  
Arekopeneng mesebetsing  
Arekopeneng rebuisane  
Ho ba kopano kephenyo

5.

Let every good fellow now join in the song  
Vive la compagne  
Success to each other and pass it along  
Vive la compagne

CHORUS  
Vive la, vive la, vive l'amour  
Vive la, vive la, vive l'amour  
Vive l'amour, vive l'amour  
Vive la compagne

A friend on the left and a friend on the right  
Vive la compagne  
In love and good fellowship let us unite  
Vive la compagne

Chorus

Now wider and wider our circle expands  
Vive la compagne  
We sing to our comrades in far away lands  
Vive la compagne

Chorus

.....

• Solidarity forever  
 Solidarity forever  
 Solidarity forever (Chorus)  
 For the union makes us strong

When the union's inspiration through  
 the workers' blood shall run  
 There shall be no power like it  
 anywhere beneath the sun  
 Yet what force on earth is weaker  
 than the feeble strength of one?  
 But the union makes us strong (Chorus)

Is there aught we hold in common with the  
 greedy parasite.  
 Who would lash us into serfdom and  
 would crush us with his might?  
 Is there anything left to us but  
 to organise and fight?  
 For the union makes us strong (Chorus)

It is we who ploughed the fields  
 built the cities where they trade  
 Dug the mines and built the workshops  
 endless miles of railroad laid  
 Now we stand outcast and starving  
 'midst the wonders we have made  
 But the union makes us strong (Chorus)

All the world that's owned by idle drones  
 is ours and ours alone. We have  
 laid the wide foundations, built it  
 skyward stone by stone  
 It is ours and not to slave in but to  
 master and to own  
 While the union makes us strong (Chorus)

They have taken untold millions  
 that they never toiled to earn  
 But without our brain and muscle  
 not a single wheel can turn  
 We can break their haughty power  
 gain our freedom when we learn  
 That the union makes us strong (Chorus)

In our hands is placed a power greater  
 than their hoarded gold  
 Greater than the might of armies  
 magnified a thousand-fold  
 We can bring to birth a new world  
 form the ashes of the old  
 For the union makes us strong (Chorus)

*Jo'ina i UDF*

*Jo'ina Jo'ina*

*(Chorus) Jo'ina Jo'ina i UDF*

*Jo'ina Jo'ina i UDF*

*Jo'ina Jo'ina*

*(Chorus) Jo'ina Jo'ina i UDF*

*Jo'ina Jo'ina i UDF*

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