

Song for Ginger Goodwin

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

D G

He grew up in York-shire Coun-ty On the class war bat-tle-lines From the

Bm G A Bm

age of four-teen ye-e-ars He was work-ing in the mines He saw the chil-dren dy-ing Of

G D A

hung-er and dis-ease His fam-ly was e-vic-ted And he head-ed o-ver-seas Cape

G A D Bm

Let's re-mem-ber the de-part-ed And for us the things they gave As we're

A G Bm A G A

gath-ered here by Gin-ger Good-win's grave As we're gath-ered here by Gin-ger Good-win's

D

grave

Cape Breton, Nova Scotia
Was where he landed for a while
Then he hopped a freight
For about three thousand miles
Ended up out west
By Nanaimo Bay
Where he worked the Number Five pit
And spent his final days

Chorus

In England and in Canada
From the east out to the west
The miners lived and died

At capital's behest
Ginger saw the writing
That was covering the wall
One Big Union was the watchword
For the workers one and all
Ginger organized the miners
And they struck for better pay
And they struck the Dunsmuir Collieries
And fought to see the day
When the labor movement
Could say its work was done
With a world run by workers
For the good of everyone

Chorus

When the "War to End All Wars" came
He knew it was a lie
He said he wouldn't fight for the bosses
He wouldn't kill or die
He had blacklung from the mines
But they called him fit to go
So he hid out in the mountains
Out in the rain and snow
The cop who went to find him
This is what he said
"I'm gonna bring him in
Whether that's alive or dead"
The people gained a martyr
Who would never leave our side
And ten thousand workers marched
When they heard that Ginger died

Chorus