

# We Were There

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$\text{♩} = 72$  with pride

1.

SOPRANO  
*mp* Doo be doo bah doo be dah

ALTO  
*mp* Doo wah ba doo wah ba doo wah ba doo

TENOR  
*mp* Doo wah ba doo wah ba doo wah ba doo ba doo ba

BASS  
*mp* Doo wah ba doo wah ba doo wah ba doo ba doo ba

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2.

**A**

*mf*

doo be dah We have ploughed and we have plant - ed We have

*mf*

doo wah ba doo We have ploughed and we have plant - ed We have

doo wah ba doo ba doo ba Doo wah ba doo wah ba

doo wah ba doo ba doo ba Doo wah ba doo wah ba

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gath - ered\_ in - to barns Done the same work as the men With

gath - ered\_ in - to barns Done the same work as the men With

doo wah ba doo ba doo ba Doo wah ba doo wah ba

doo wah ba doo ba doo ba Doo wah ba doo wah ba

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ba - bies\_ in our arms But you won't\_ find our stor - ies\_ In most

ba - bies\_ in our arms But you won't\_ find our stor - ies\_ In most

doo wah ba doo ba doo ba Dah

doo wah ba doo ba doo ba Dah

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his 'try\_books you read We were there. We're still here fight-ing for the things we need. We were

his 'try\_books you read We were there. We're still here fight-ing for the things we need. We were

We were there. We're still here fight-ing for the things we need. We were

We were there. We're still here fight-ing for the things we need. We were

**B**

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there\_ in the fac-'tries we were there\_ in the mills We were there in the mines And came

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home to\_\_ fix the meals We were there\_\_\_ on the pick-et line\_ We

home to\_\_ fix the meals We were there\_\_\_ on the pick-et line\_ We

home to\_\_ fix the meals We were there\_\_\_ on the pick-et line\_ We

home to\_\_ fix the meals We were there\_\_\_ on the pick-et line\_ We

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raised our\_ voi-ces loud It makes me proud just know ing\_ we were there.

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C

*mp* ba doo ba doo

*mp* ba doo ba doo

*f*

From the tex - tile\_\_ mills in Mon-tre - al\_\_ To the

*f*

From the tex - tile\_\_ mills in Mon-tre - al\_\_ To the

ba doo ba doo

ba doo ba doo

sweat shops in Old York From the fields\_\_'round Ni - a - 'gra Where our

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*f* ba doo ba dah "Bread and

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chil - dren\_\_ had to work We fought to make a liv - ing "Bread and

chil - dren\_\_ had to work We fought to make a liv - ing "Bread and

Ro - ses"\_\_ was our cry Our

Ro - ses"\_\_ was our cry Though they jailed and beat our bo - dies Our

Ro - ses"\_\_ was our cry Though they jailed and beat our bo - dies Our

Ro - ses"\_\_ was our cry Though they jailed and beat our bo - dies Our

*mp* **D**

spir - its\_\_\_\_ nev - er died ba doo ba doo\_\_\_\_

spir - its\_\_\_\_ nev - er died We were Po - lish and First Na - tions We were

*mp*

spir - its\_\_\_\_ nev - er died ba doo ba doo\_\_\_\_

spir - its\_\_\_\_ nev - er died We were Po - lish and First Na - tions We were

ba doo ba doo\_\_\_\_ They

I - rish and Hin - du Pun - jab - i, Fil - i - pi - no, Chi - nese and Rus - sian too They

Pun jab - i, Fil - i - pi - no, Chi - nese and Rus - sian too They

I - rish and Hin - du Pun - jab - i, Fil - i - pi - no, Chi - nese and Rus - sian too They

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tried to use our dif-fren-ces to split us all a-part

tried to use our dif-fren-ces to split us all a-part But the

tried to use our dif-fren-ces to split us all a-part But the

tried to use our dif-fren-ces to split us all a-part But the

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Touched the bot - tom of our hearts We were

pain we felt to-ge-th-er Touched the bot - tom of our hearts We were

pain we felt to-ge-th-er Touched the bot - tom of our hearts We were

pain we felt to-ge-th-er Touched the bot - tom of our hearts We were

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**E**

there We were there We were there And came

there in the fac-tries we were there in the mills We were there in the mines And came

there We were there We were there And came

there We were there We were there And came

home to fix the meals We were there We

home to fix the meals We were there on the pick-et line We

home to fix the meals We were there We

home to fix the meals We were there We

raised our voi-ces loud It makes me proud just know ing we were there.

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F

We are teach-ers, we are doc-tors, we are cooks and en-gi-neers

we are cooks and en-gi-neers Let-ter

Let-ter

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tech - ni cians and cash - iers We op - er - ate ma - chine - ry we

We op - er - ate ma - chine - ry we

car - riers truck dri vers We op - er - ate ma - chine - ry we

car - riers truck dri vers tech - ni cians and cash - iers We op - er - ate ma - chine - ry we

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pi - lot the air - planes We help to build our un - ions We've got strug - gle in our veins

pi - lot the air - planes We help to build our un - ions We've got strug - gle in our veins For

pi - lot the air - planes We help to build our un - ions We've got strug - gle in our veins

pi - lot the air - planes We help to build our un - ions We've got strug - gle in our veins

54 **G**

years our an - gry voi - ces have ech - oed through their halls

have ech - oed through their halls Through

Through



We have bro - ken\_ down some walls To  
 strikes and\_ oc - cu - pa - tions To  
 strikes and\_ oc - cu - pa - tions We have bro - ken\_ down some walls To

you whose time's ar - riv - ing we pass a - long the flame And\_  
 you whose time's ar - riv - ing we pass a - long the flame And\_  
 you whose time's ar - riv - ing we pass a - long the flame And\_  
 you whose time's ar - riv - ing we pass a - long the flame And\_

when you mark your vic-tries your words will be the same We were  
 when you mark your vic-tries your words will be the same We were  
 when you mark your vic-tries your words will be the same We were  
 when you mark your vic-tries your words will be the same We were

there We were there We were there And came  
 there in the fac-tories we were there in the mills We were there in the mines And came  
 there We were there We were there And came  
 there We were there We were there And came

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home to fix the meals We were there We  
 home to fix the meals We were there on the pick-et line We  
 home to fix the meals We were there We  
 home to fix the meals We were there We

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raised our voi-ces loud It makes me proud just know ing we were  
 raised our voi-ces loud It makes me proud just know ing we were  
 raised our voi-ces loud It makes me proud just know ing we were  
 raised our voi-ces loud It makes me proud We were

there We were there We were  
 there in the fac - 'tries we were there in the mills We were  
 there We were there We were  
 there in the fac - 'tries we were there in the mills We were

there And came home to fix the meals We were  
 there in the mines And came home to fix the meals We were  
 there  
 there in the mines And came home to fix the meals We were  
 there in the mines And came home to fix the meals We were

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there on the pick-et line\_ We raised our voi-ces loud It makes me

there on the pick-et line\_ We raised our voi-ces loud It makes me

there on the pick-et line\_ We raised our voi-ces loud It makes me

there on the pick-et line\_ We raised our voi-ces loud It makes me

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proud just know ing\_ we were there.

proud just know ing\_ we were there.

proud just know ing\_ we were there.

proud just know ing\_ we were there.

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*mp* just know-ing\_ there

*mp* just know-ing\_ there.

*mp* just know-ing\_ there.

*mp* just know-ing\_ there.