

The Socialists Are Coming

(American Labor Songs of the Nineteenth Century)

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Melodica

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Accordion

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Come, all you toil-ing na - tions — And

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lis-ten to my song, Of the trials of hon-est la - bor, Caused by com-pe - ti-tion's wrong! It

is this slavish sys-tem That makes you work so hard, And live on bread and wa-ter and sup-

port a monied lord. Then wait for the wagon! The so-cial-ists are coming;

Join in with our part-y, boys. It's the on-ly hon-est one. It

was in Eight-een - Sev-en - ty - Sev'n, The work - ing - folk got tired, And

think - ing of their pres - ent wrongs, With rage their hearts were fired. They

told Tom Scott they would quit work un - less he paid them more. And that's the on - ly rea son Why he

dyed the land with gore! Then wait for the wagon! The social-ists are coming;

Join in with our part - y, boys. It's the on - ly hon - est one. They

called out their brave vol - un - teers, Who quick - ly fired on them, And

butchered full five hundred Of true, hon-est, work ing men! They brought us to sub - mission, But it

did not make things right; It learned us one good les - son, boys, And that was how to fight!

Then wait_ for the wag-on! The so - cial_- ists are com-ing;

Join in with our part - y, boys. It's the on - ly hon - est one. We're the

lar gest in this na - tion, And, if we have a mind, We'll say who'll rep - re - sent us And

who will stay be - hind. We'll send good men to make our laws, And rogues will get a slip; We'll

have good times for work ing-folk, As well as for the rich. Then wait_for the wagon! The

so-cial_ - ists are com ing; Join in_ with our part-y, boys. It's the on-ly honest one. So

come, my friends, and join us, — And you'll nev - er rue the day, For we'll

change this present sys-tem — To the Social-is-tic way. We'll make this earth a par-a-dise, For

so it ought to be. And make ev-'ry man a broth-er, boys, As well as you and me.

Then wait — for the wag-on! The so - cial - ists are com-ing;

Join in with our part-y, boys. It's the on-ly hon est one. We'll do our best and do it right And

be good, hon - est men; And if, per - chance, we should go wrong, We

know they've done the same; And so we'll nev - er give it up But try and try a - gain Un-

til we get a full re-form for hon-est, work ing - men. Then wait_for the wagon! The

so - cial_ - ists are com-ing; Join in_ with our part - y, boys. It's the

on-ly hon-est one. There is plen-ty in this world_ For all the sons of men If

there were not such vul-tures That are steal ing all they can. But while there is a Vander bilt, A

Tom Scott, or Jay Gould, The rogues will still grow rich-er— And hon-est men be fooled.

Then wait— for the wag-on! The so - cial - ists are com-ing;

Join in with our party, boys. It's the only honest one. Then let us change the system And not

leave it for the few, And if these lords don't like it, Why, they know what they can do! So,

at the next election, Be careful how you vote, And

send good men to make your laws That can't be bribed or bought!

Then wait_ for the wag-on! The so - cial_ - ists are com-ing;

Join in_ with our part - y, boys. It's the on - ly hon - est one.