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Slightly slower than march time

1. A - rise ye pris'ners of star - va - tion A - rise ye wretched of the
 2. We want no con-descend-ing sav - iors To rule us from their judgment
 3. The law oppress-es us and tricks us, The wage slave system drains our
 4. Be - hold them seated in their glo - ry, The kings of mine and rail and
 5. We toil - ers from all fields u - nit - ed Join hand in hand with all who

earth For jus - tice thunders condem - na - tion A bet - ter world's in
 hall We work-ers ask not for their fav - ors Let us con - sult for
 blood; The rich are free from ob - li - ga - tions, The laws the poor de -
 soil! What have you read in all their sto - ry, But how they plun - dered
 work; The earth be - longs to us, the work-ers, No room here for the

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 birth. No more tra - di - tion's chains shall bind us A - rise ye
 all To make the thief dis - gorge his boo - ty To free the
 lude. Too long we've languished in sub - ject - ion, E - qual - i -
 toil? Fruits of the work-ers' toil are bur - ied In strongholds
 shirk. How man y on our flesh have fat - tened! But if the

slaves no more in thrall The earth shall rise on new foun -
 spir - it from its cell We must our selves de cide our
 ty has oth - er laws; "No rights" says she, "with-out their
 of the i - dle few; In work - ing for their res-ti -
 nor - some birds of prey Shall van - ish from the sky some

da - tions We have been naught we shall be all.
 du - ty We must de - cide and do it well.
 du - ties, No claims on e - quals with - out cause."
 tu - tion The men will on - ly claim their due.
 morn - ing The ble - sed sun - light then will stay.

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REFRAIN *March time*

'Tis the fin al con - flict Let each stand in his place The

In - ter - na - tion - al Un - ion shall be the hu - man race 'Tis the

fin - al con - flict Let each stand in his place ——— The

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a tempo *Slow* SOLO

THE PREAMBLE

OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few, who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of management of the industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, "Abolition of the wage system."

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the every-day struggle with capitalists, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old.

