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"A Song For Jackie"

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There's resolution in your eyes, Jackie
And a purpose in your step, I see
Your mind's made up, and never once we've talked
So, now, just you listen to me

Don't cross over the line Jackie, don't go through the
gates,
For them pickets down the mine, oh Jackie, they're your
life-long mates.
Don't cross over the line Jackie, all you've left is your
pride,
And that's what makes you a man our Jackie, the man
you are inside.

You're a union man, just like your Dad, your intentions
they're always good,
But we're working folk from Bradford lad, and the pit,
well it's in our blood
And it's us and them, as it's always been, and they'd
drive us into t'dust
Our unity is all we have, so stick together we must.

Well I've never wanted to break my word, or let me
marrows down,
And I tell you now, I just dread the thought of walking
through our town
But you and the kids you mean more to me than any of
my mates
And to see you suffering day on day, it's more than I
can take.

No, don't cross over the line Jackie, don't go through
the gates,
For them pickets down the mine, well Jackie, they're
your life-long mates.
No don't cross over the line Jackie, All you've left is
your pride,
And that's what makes you a man our Jackie, The man
you are inside.

And I won't let you break your word, to the miners
gathered there,

Betray their trust just for me and the kids, as if we just
don't care,
Sure, there's nowt to eat, I know the larder's bare, and
God knows we're freezing cold,
But I'll won't let them grind you down, they'll never take
your soul.

So don't cross over the line Jackie, don't go through the
gates,
For them pickets down the mine, oh Jackie, they're your
life long mates
Don't cross over the line Jackie, go back, join the fight,
You can't always do what's best, Jackie, you can only do
what's right.

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