

The Levellers

"The Boatman"

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If I could choose the life I please
Then I would be a boatman
On the canals and the rivers free
No hasty words are spoken
My only law is the river breeze
That takes me to the open seas
If I could choose the life I please
Then I would be a boatman

If I could choose the life I please
Then I would be a rover
And if the road was not for me
Then I would choose another
Cross mountains and the valleys deep
Where I would take these weary feet
If I could choose the life I please
Then I would be a rover

But these things they're so hard for me
I cannot choose my own destiny
And all the things that I want to see
Are so unclean

Well I wish I could choose the life I please
But I am not a free man
Others rule my destiny
But my will's never broken
I know someday I will be
Everything that I dreamed I'd be
And when I live the life I please
Then I will be a freeman.

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