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### "The New Enclosures"

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At Putney it was spoken "the commons should be free!  
And we're ready to defend it if that's how it's gotta be"  
When the fences were erected these people tore them  
down  
With the green flag in the air they built their freedom  
from the ground

They worked the land in freedom, their freedom from  
the Earth  
They had no need to fight each over over what the land  
was worth  
They'd share the common goods which we're produced  
by stem and seed  
Faith, land and community was all they'd really need

The new enclosures, just like the old

When the New Model Army stepped across the River  
Thames  
They thought they'd found the freedom that they'd  
pictured in their dreams  
When King George was beheaded, history cracked  
But Parliment was scheming, Cromwell stabbed them in  
the back

They'd built their movement up in the face of Crown  
and Cross  
They'd risked their lives for freedom because they  
knew what could be lost  
Now they fled into the cities to sell their labor to the rich  
Or they we're taken off to prison or to the colonies in  
ships

[Chorus:]

The new enclosures, just like the old  
The culture is destroyed, the people are controlled  
The new enclosures, the same long goal  
Privatize the commons, the land is bought and sold

Now you need not look to far to see the colonizer's  
claws

The corporate bankers and politicians hiding behind  
the laws  
A global feudal system, the same one as before  
Bloated now from centuries of slavery and war

Privatizing water, with meters on the pipes  
Privatizing seeds, with patents and copyrights  
Manifest Destiny, continuing today  
They fought so hard in 49 but the virus got away

The new enclosures, just like the old

In Seattle it was spoken "the commons should be free!"  
And we're ready to defend it if that's how it's gotta be"  
When the bankers met to plot their course we we're  
there to shut them down  
When they tried to hide their meetings, people  
followed them around

In 1999 history cracked  
But the politicians and bankers schemed to hold our  
power back  
It didn't take too long for us to meet the ancient fate  
Crushed by guns and legislation we fell under the  
weight

[Chorus]

In 1649 the revolution flared  
It was crushed by the army but it never disappeared  
3 1/2 centuries later they're still pushing the plan  
Seizing livelihoods and cultures from the tillers of the  
land

Who's got the commons? The people or the state?  
When they come to crush your movement will you  
stand or will you break?  
Who's got the power? What's it gonna take?  
Who's got the future? That's the call you gotta make

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