Black 47, Sam Hall

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Oh they treat you like a slave that's no lie, that's no lie Oh they treat you like a slave that's no lie Oh they treat you like a slave from the cradle to the grave but the rich must help the poor so must I

I had three fine sons to feed that's no joke, that's no joke And a wife worn out from need, that's no joke But the boss he said to me, get your brats out on the street For they cost too much to feed, that's no lie, that's no lie My wife died from misery, that's no lie

Oh I struck the bastard down, I don't deny, I don't deny Raised the black flag up on high for anarchy Oh I struck the bastard down To hell with bosses, church and crown But they hunted me to ground like a dog

Oh they took me to Cootehill in a cart, in a cart
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And the priest he said to me
Repent or face eternity
Keep your rich man's god from me, so said I, so said I
He never gave a damn for me, so said I

Up the ladder I did grope, that's no joke, that's no joke While my sons looked on with tears in their eyes Up the ladder I did grope and the hangman pulled the rope And the last words I spoke tumblin' down, tumblin' down "Liberty for all mankind," tumblin' down

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