

Ballad of Saltley Gate (Close the Gates)

Words Dave Rogers, Tune traditional – Ye Jacobites by Name

The Rover workers came, Close the gates, close the gates

From Fishers just the same, Close the gates

The women from S.U., the Morris workers too,

To Saltley Gate they drew, Close the gates, close the gates

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Down Bromford Lane they came, Close the gates, close the gates

We marched along Drews Lane, Close the gates

Down the Tyburn Road with heads held high we strode

Our banners filled the road, Close the gates, close the gates

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A solid wall are we, Close the gates, close the gates

Our strength is unity, Close the gates

We marched across the years through hunger, doubt and fears

We are the engineers, Close the gates, close the gates

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You men of high renown, Close the gates, close the gates

You servants of the crown, Close the gates

No power in the land can gain the upper hand

When we united stand, Close the gates, close the gates

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