

# The Twelve Days of Striking

*Sung on the picket line in December 2021 by University and College Union strikers  
at University of Birmingham  
Sung in the key of C*

On the first day of striking my picket gave to me  
**A lot of solidarity**

On the second day of striking my picket gave to me  
**Two pairs of socks,**  
and a lot of solidarity

On the third day of striking my picket gave to me  
**Three strike days**  
two pairs of socks  
and a lot of solidarity

On the fourth day of striking my picket gave to me  
**Four printed flyers**  
three strike days  
two pairs of socks  
and a lot of solidarity



On the fifth day of striking my picket gave to me  
**Five picket gates**  
Four flyers  
three strike days  
two pairs of socks  
and a lot of solidarity

On the sixth day of striking my picket gave to me  
**Six cold samosas**  
Five picket gates  
four flyers  
three strike days  
two pairs of socks  
and a lot of solidarity

On the seventh day of striking my picket gave to me  
**Seven sticky stickers**  
Six cold samosas  
Five picket gates  
four flyers  
three strike days  
two pairs of socks  
and a lot of solidarity

On the eighth day of striking my picket gave to me  
**Eight cups of tea**  
Seven sticky stickers  
Six cold samosas  
Five picket gates  
four flyers  
three strike days  
two pairs of socks  
and a lot of solidarity

On the ninth day of striking my picket gave to me  
**Nine vans a-beeping**  
Eight cups of tea  
Seven sticky stickers  
Six cold samosas  
Five picket gates  
four flyers  
three strike days  
two pairs of socks  
and a lot of solidarity



On the tenth day of striking my picket gave to me  
**Ten toes a-freezing**  
Nine vans a-beeping  
Eight cups of tea  
Seven sticky stickers  
Six cold samosas  
Five picket gates  
four flyers  
three strike days  
two pairs of socks  
and a lot of solidarity

On the eleventh day of striking my picket gave to me

**Eleven playlists playing**

Ten toes a-freezing  
Nine vans a-beeping  
Eight cups of tea  
Seven sticky stickers  
Six cold samosas  
Five picket gates  
four flyers  
three strike days  
two pairs of socks  
and a lot of solidarity

On the twelfth day of striking my picket gave to me

**Twelve students joining**

Eleven playlists playing  
Ten toes a-freezing  
Nine vans a-beeping  
Eight cups of tea  
Seven sticky stickers  
Six cold samosas,  
Five picket gates  
four flyers  
three strike days  
two pairs of socks  
and a lot of solidarity

