

# The Many and the Few

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A People's rallying song for now. The struggle of mighty and humble, rich and poor, master and slave. Inspired by Shelley's epic poem "The Mask of Anarchy", condemning the Peterloo Massacre of 16 August 1819.

**Rise like Lions after slumber  
In unvanquishable number  
Shake your chains to earth like dew  
Which in sleep had fallen on you  
Ye are many - they are few.**

I've travelled far and wide, many treasures did I find  
But always saw the mighty and the humble side by side  
The humble, very many, the mighty, very few  
With privilege and power from the work of many just like you

Yes, it's always the many, always the many  
Always the many who work for the few

Down the ages do the mighty cut the deals and take the yield  
Keep the best, sell the rest back to the hands that turn the wheels  
Raise prices to the sky, cut wages to the bone  
If the many dare to question they evict us from the land they own

It was always the many, always the many  
Always the many who paid for the few

Still wanting more and more, they sent the many off to war  
For the plunder they'd secure when the spoils were spoken for  
But the enemy were conscripts too, they wanted freedom just like you  
Forced to battle by decree of kings and aristocracy

It was always the many, always the many  
Always the many who fought for the few

Now the rulers we elect all profess they would protect us  
Our enemies would get us, their advances must be checked  
Bear the hunger, bear the fighting, bear the dying, bear the pain  
If you live, you'll sustain the pleasure of the few again

Once again it's the many, always the many  
Always the many who die for the few

I have travelled far and wide and its's opened up my eyes  
Wealth and power still resides with the bosses and their lies  
They've never had to earn their keep or sweat to pay their way  
The few need the many, but the many don't need them today

No more will the many, no more will the many  
No more will the many, live for the few



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