

## Idris Strike Song

Chumbawamba

Have you been to work at Idris?  
No we won't go in today!  
For we're standing by our comrade  
And we'll never run away  
She stood bravely by the Union  
And she spoke up for us true  
And if she gets the sack  
No we never shall go back  
What e'er they do, what e'er they do  
Now you boys who're washing bottles  
It really is a shame  
To take the place of women  
Don't you think you are to blame?  
Come with us and join the Union  
Never heed what Idris say  
We are out to right the wrong  
And now we shan't be long  
Hip hip hooray, hip hip hooray  
Master Willy, master Willy  
You must give in once again  
It was wrong to sack a woman  
With two children to maintain  
Thirteen years she's faithful served you

Though she was three minutes late  
But our little sister Anne  
Why she never checked the man  
At the gate, at the gate  
Oh you great king in the palace  
And you statesman at the top  
When you're drinking soda water  
Or imbibing ginger pop  
Think of some who work at Idris  
For very little pay  
And who only get nine bob  
For a most unpleasant job  
Alackaday, alackaday  
Now then girls all join the Union  
Whatever you may be  
In pickles, jam, or chocolates  
Or packing pounds of tea  
For we all want better wages  
And this is what we say  
We are out to right the wrong'  
And now we shan't be long'  
Hip hip hooray, hip hip hooray'