Union Maid

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Tune: Redwing

There once was a union maid
Who never was afraid
Of the goons and the ginks and the company finks
And the deputy sheriffs who made the raid.
She went to the union hall
When a meeting it was called,
And when the company boys came round
She always stood her ground.

Chorus:
Oh, you can't scare me, I'm stickin' to the union,
I'm stickin' to the union, I'm stickin' to the union.
Oh, you can't scare me, I'm stickin' to the union,
I'm stickin' to the union 'til the day I die.

This union maid was wise
To the tricks of the company spies.
She couldn't be fooled by the company stools—
She'd always organize the guys.
She'd always get her way
When she struck for higher pay.
She'd show her card to the company guard,
And this is what she'd say:

Chorus

You women who want to be free
Take a little tip from me:
Break outa that mold we've all been sold—
You got a fighting history!
The fight for women's rights

With workers must unite.
Like Mother Jones, move those bones
To the front of every fight!

Chorus

We modern union maids
Are also not afraid
To walk the line, leave our jobs behind,
And we're not just the Ladies Aid!
We fight for equal pay,
And we will have our say.
We're workers too, the same as you,
And fight the union way.

Chorus

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