

Tom Worker's Song lyric in Ebmajor

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[Intro:] **Eb Bb/D Cm Eb/G**
 Ab Bb Eb
 Fm Fm/Ab Bb/D Bb

[V1:]

Eb Bb/D Cm Bb
I went ov - er to Wol - ver-ton Works
 Ab Ab/C Bb
With a rep-u-ta - tion as a lad who nev-er shirks,
 Eb Bb/D Cm Eb/G
I was pleased as punch when they off-ered me a place,
 Ab Bb Eb
Could-n't wait to see the look on Mo-ther's face.
 Fm Eb/G Ab Bb
If I had my way I'd be work-ing on the land.
 Eb Bb/D Cm Bb
But the next best thing is work-ing with me hands.
 Eb Bb/D Cm Eb/G
No va-can-cies for chip-pies, or in the found-ry,
 Ab Bb Eb
So ap-pren-tice el-ec-tri-cian I will be.

[Link:] **Fm Fm/Ab Bb/D Bb**

[V2:]

Eb Bb/D Cm Bb
Five in the mor - ning, stand - ing in the rain.
Ab Ab/C Bb
Blast that Bil-ly if the tram is late a-gain!
Eb Bb/D Cm Eb/G
Half-past twelve we stop and have a break,
Ab Bb Eb
I find the hours ve-ry hard to take.
 Fm Eb/G Ab Bb
There's a meal each day in a bas-ket from me Mam,
Eb Bb/D Cm Bb
She sends it ov-er with Bil-ly on the tram,
Eb Bb/D Cm Eb/G
For a lad of four-teen it's a long hard slog,
Ab Bb Eb
Each night I come home tired as a dog.

[Link:] **Fm Fm/Ab Bb/D Bb**

[V3:]

Eb Bb/D Cm Bb

A few years on, a sim-ple life I've made,

Ab Ab/C Bb

Earn-ing mo-ney and I'm sett-led in my trade,

Eb Bb/D Cm Eb/G

But in the world out-side, there's troub-le in the air,

Ab Bb Eb

And the work-ing man must fight for what is fair.

Fm Eb/G Ab Bb

Now the gates are locked and the Un-i-on says strike,

Eb Bb/D Cm Bb

Teach the bos - ses not to do just what they like.

Eb Bb/D Cm Eb/G

The mi-ners lead, we can't stand and watch them fail,

Ab Bb Eb

Why did we fight the Somme and Pass-chen-daele?

[Instrumental:]

Fm Fm/Ab Bb/D Bb

Eb Bb/D Cm Bb - Ab Ab/G Fm Ab Bb

Eb Bb/D Cm Eb/G - Ab Bb Eb

Fm Eb/G Ab Bb - Eb Bb/D Cm Bb

Eb Bb/D Cm Eb/G - Ab Ab/C Bb Bb/D Eb

Fm Fm/Ab Bb/D Bb

[V4:]

Eb Bb/D Cm Bb

Nine short days, the end of the strike,

Ab Ab/G Ab Ab/C Bb

Do you think that the bos-ses can do an-y-thing they like?

Eb Bb/D Cm Eb/G

Will they have me back? Are they ta-king on men?

Ab Ab/C Bb Bb/D Eb

Can it ev - er be the same a-gain?

Fm Eb/G Ab Bb

Some-one said that the rail-way lads have heard

Eb Bb/D Cm Bb

That their jobs are safe, the bos-ses gave their word.

Eb Bb/D Cm Eb/G

Well fine for them but it does-n't ease my fears,

Ab Ab/C Bb Bb/D Eb

There's plen-ty more been kicked out on their ears.

[Link:] Fm Fm/Ab Bb/D Bb

[Slower:]

Cm Bb Cm Bb

Now a young man starts to feel so old.

Ab Bb

My thread-bare jac-ket does-n't keep me from the cold.

Cm Bb Cm

I've a wife and a child de-pend-ing on me,

Bb Ab Bb Cm

What the fu-ture holds I can't be-gin to see...