

# Tom Worker's Song

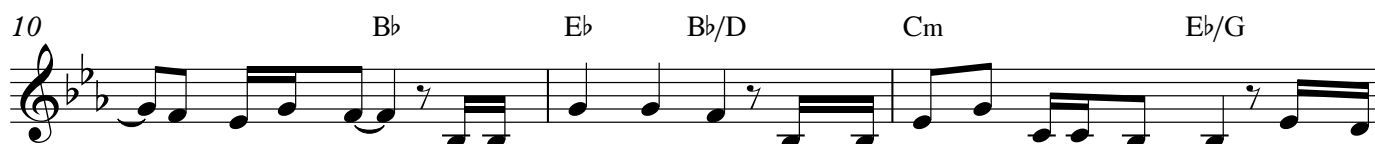
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**Medium pace** ♩ - 116

E♭ B♭/D C<sub>m</sub> E♭/G A♭ B♭ E♭ F<sub>m</sub> F<sub>m</sub>/A♭ B♭/D B♭



**V.1** I went ov - er to Wol - ver-ton Works With a rep - u - ta - tion as a lad



\_ who nev-er shirks, I was pleased as punch when they off-ered me a place,\_ Could-n't



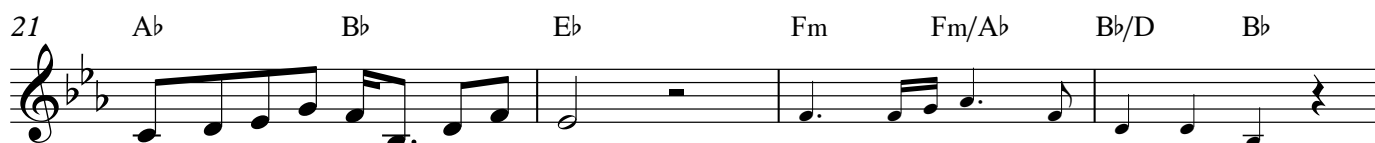
wait to see the look on Mo-ther's face. If I had my way I'd be



work-ing on the land, But the next best thing is\_\_ work-ing with me hands. No



va - can - cies for chip-pies, or in the found - ry, So ap -



pren-tice el-ec-tri-cian I will be.

[V.2] Five in the mor - ning, stand - ing in the rain. Blast that Bil-ly if the tram

— is late a gain! Half-past twelve we stop and have a break, I

find the hours ve-ry hard to take. There's a meal each day in a

bas-ket from me Mam, She sends it ov - er with Bil-ly on the tram, For a

lad of four - teen    it's a long hard slog,    Each night I come home    tired as a dog.

V.3 A

few years on, a sim-ple life I've made, Earn-ing mo-ney and I'm

sett-led in my trade, But in the world out-side, there's trou-ble in the air, and the

49  $A\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $Fm$   $E\flat/G$

work-ing man must fight for what is fair. Now the gates are locked and the

52  $A\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $Cm$   $B\flat$

Un - i-on says strike, Teach the bos - ses not to do just what they like. The

55  $E\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $Cm$   $E\flat/G$

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

57  $A\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $Fm$   $Fm/A\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $B\flat$

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

61  $E\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $Cm$   $B\flat$   $A\flat$   $A\flat/G$   $Fm$   $A\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $B\flat/D$

66  $Cm$   $E\flat/G$   $A\flat$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $Fm$   $E\flat/G$   $A\flat$   $B\flat$

71  $E\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $Cm$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $Cm$   $E\flat/G$

75  $A\flat$   $A\flat/C$   $B\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $E\flat$   $Fm$   $Fm/A\flat$   $B\flat/D$   $B\flat$

79 Eb Bb/D Cm Bb Ab Ab/G

[V.4] Nine short days, the end of the strike, Do you think\_ that the bos-ses can do

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

an-y - thing they like? Will they have me back? Are they ta-king on men?

85 Ab Ab/C Bb Bb/D Eb Fm Eb/G

Can it ev - er be the same a - gain? Some-one said that the

88 Ab Bb Eb Bb/D Cm Bb

rail-way lads have heard, That their jobs are safe, the bos-ses gave their word. Well

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

fine for them but it does-n't ease\_my fears, There's plen-ty more been kicked out on their

94 Eb Fm Fm/Ab Bb/D Bb Cm Bb Cm Bb

*Slower*

ears. Now a young man starts to feel\_ so old. My

99 Ab Bb Cm Bb

thread-bare jac-ket does-n't keep\_ me from the cold. I've a wife and a child de-

102 Cm Bb Ab Bb Cm

pen-ding on me, What the fu-ture holds I can't be-gin to see.