

Worksong

Words and Music by Kevin Adams

♩ = 76 **Earnestly**

Cm Bb/C Cm Bb/C Cm Bb Gm Cm Bb/C Cm Bb/C



V.1 You were there to work, you did-n't dare stop, The



fore man's of-fice ov-er looked the shop, In his bow-ler hat and his starched col-lared shirt, You



ne-ver saw the fore-man with his hands in the dirt, And up at the top of the gol-den stair The



Su per-in - ten-dant in his stuffed lea-ther chair, Just look bu-sy if he ev-er walked



through, You did-n't bo-ther him and he ne-ver saw you.



No-thing stays the same, Now man-age-ment skills is the name of the game, And it's

18 Cm Bb/C Cm Bb/C Abmaj7 Bb Cm Bb/C Cm Bb/C

first names this, and hands on that And good-bye to the bow-ler hat.

21 Cm Bb Gm Cm Bb/C Cm Bb/C Cm Bb

24 Gm G Cm Eb F

V.2 The charge hand ham-mers out the piece-work rates, Does his

26 Gm Cm Cm Eb F

best for his fa-mi-ly, his best for his mates, We can build a-ny-thing in me-tal or wood, But we

28 Gm Cm F° Cm

cost too much for our own damn good. See that fi-nish on the Ro-yal Train? You

30 Bb Cm Cm Eb

won't see a-ny-thing as good as that a-gain. Now the ve-ry same skills of the ve-ry same

32 F5 Abmaj7 Bb Cm

man_____ Are patch-ing up pa-nels on an old break van.

35 Abmaj7 CHORUS Bb Abmaj7 Bb

No-thing stays the same, Now mea-sured time is the name of the game, And the

37 Cm Bb/C Cm Bb/C Abmaj7 Bb

time stu-dy man puts his watch on me And piece-work rates are his - to - ry.

39 Cm Bb/C Cm Bb/C Cm Bb Gm Cm Bb/C Cm Bb/C Cm Bb

43 Gm G Cm Eb F

[V.3] You've a job for life__ said your old man, But

45 Gm Cm Cm Eb F

he did-n't reck-on with the Beech-ing plan. Now we don't build new, we just re pair, You

47 Gm Cm F° Cm

start to think you could work else-where. Now twen-ty years la-ter it's the same a gain, At the

49 Bb Cm Cm Eb F5

stroke of the mi-ni-ster's foun-tain pen, Mar-ket for-ces, po-li-ti-cal fads - Kicked

52 Abmaj7 Bb Cm Abmaj7 CHORUS Bb

out on the dole one thou-sand lads. No-thing stays the same, Now

55 Abmaj7 Bb Cm Bb/C Cm Bb/C

e-co-no-mic theo-ry's the name of the game, And it's streamline this and lose more fat, And

57 $A\flat\text{maj}7$ $B\flat$ Cm $A\flat\text{maj}7$ $B\flat$ $A\flat\text{maj}7$ $B\flat$

jobs for the boys for the bu - reau - crat,

61 Cm $B\flat/C$ Cm $B\flat/C$ $A\flat\text{maj}7$ $B\flat$ Cm $A\flat\text{maj}7$ **CHORUS** $B\flat$

No-thing stays the same, Now

65 $A\flat\text{maj}7$ $B\flat$ Cm $B\flat/C$ Cm $B\flat/C$

pri - va - ti - sa - tion's the name of the game, But it's still true now as it was back then, The

67 $A\flat\text{maj}7$ $B\flat$ Cm

strength of the Works is the skill of the men. The

69 $A\flat\text{maj}7$ $B\flat$ Cm $B\flat/C$ Cm $B\flat/C$

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71 $A\flat\text{maj}7$ $B\flat$ Cm $B\flat/C$ Cm $B\flat/C$ $A\flat\text{maj}7$ $B\flat$ **rit.**

heart of the Works is the skill of the men. No-thing stays the same.....