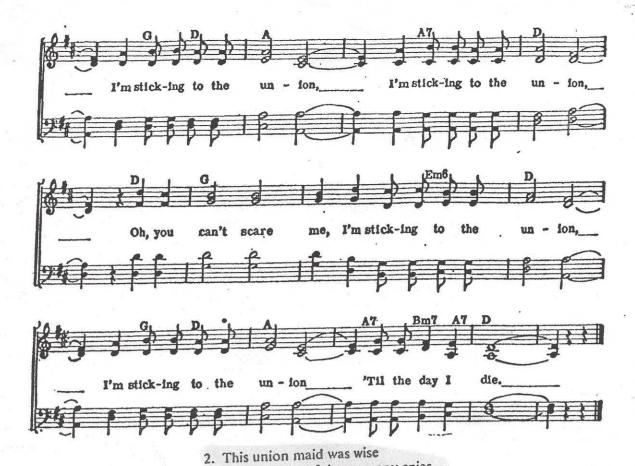
Union maid

Words by Woody Guthrie Tune: Redwing Arranged by Murray Chase

In Oklahoma City, in 1940, Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger were singing at a union meeting. Some company thugs came in and stood at the back of the hall, obviously waiting for a signal to break it up. But nothing happened. Woody figured the reason was that the meeting was a real family affair, with young folks and old and the women there in full force. Next morning Pete found the words to this now-famous song stuck in the typewriter





Men

To the tricks of the company spies.

She'd never 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:

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For history's sake:

When the union boys they seen
This pretty little union queen
Stand up and sing in the deputies' face,
They laughed and yelled all over the place.
And you know what they done,
These two-gun company thugs?
When they heard this union song
They tucked their tails and run.
CHORUS

A new verse for the 1980s:*
You women who want to be free,
Just take a little tip from me:
Break out o' that mold we've all been sold;
You got a fightin' history.
The fight for women's rights
With workers must unite
Like Mother Jones, bestir them bones
To the front of every fight.
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