



SOME STAR!

(The Solidarity of Desperation)

Solidarity, after all, means something. It means everything that is worth while. And that is all it does mean.

Everything worth while.

It means biscuits for our babies; lunches for our ladies; oysters for ourselves; fry-cakes for our friends; epilepsy for our enemies; burdens for our bosses; mischief for our masters; millwork for our millionaires—that is: OUR solidarity means that.—His, the employer's, solidarity and our lack of it means: Manna for him and misery for us; money for him, microbes for us—

Here is about the way it lines up:

(For Him)

(For Us)

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| Ambition—Alms | |
| Bonus—Bones | |
| Cavair—Caves | |
| Diamonds—Die-mounds | |
| Emancipation—Ends and Odds | |
| Friends—Fiends | |
| Gold—Gall | |

Yes that is what old Sol does
—“Solidarity admits of no debate
But fancy figures are cut
With a single skate.”—Moore.

And so it brings the bacon home to them
that has it and strips the simoleons from
those that have it not.

His solidarity and our lack of it means:

(For Him)

(For Us)

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| Goodthings—Gods | |
| Homes—Holes | |
| Industries—Ills | |
| Joy—Jaundice | |
| Kingdoms—Klans | |
| Love—Lice | |
| Milk—Morgues | |
| Melons—Muzzles | |
| Nuts—Nothing | |
| Opinions—Opium | |
| Palaces, Pensions—Padded cells, Poverty | |
| Queens—Quinces | |
| Roses—Ruin | |
| Rest—Rack | |
| Songs—Sorrow | |
| Twin-sixes—Two-bits | |
| Uction—Underpay | |
| Virgins—Vinegar | |
| Worlds—Woe | |
| Xmas—Xantippe | |
| Youth—Yeast | |
| Zest—Zebrine-suit | |
| —Zalsparilla | |
| —Zoup | |

The whole damn alphabet of alimony for
him and a alphabet of agony for us—
that's what solidarity and the lack of it
brings. Choose You'll stick together or be
“stuck” together—choose!

Solidarity means something.

It is the difference between emancipation
and slavery.

Education without solidarity is ENVY.

Organization without solidarity—ain't!

Emancipation without solidarity will never
be—there you are—some “Star”—Soli-
DAR-ity.

A solid front is good—a record of
achievement. But a solid front with a hol-
low rear leaves much to be desired—Soli-
darity. No matter how stolid or stoic we
may become, solidarity is the all important
quality and it has made industrial unionism
the outstanding world movement it is. No
amount of capitalist maneuvering has been
“able to wreck it,” its solidarity—which is
one and the same thing.—(T-Bone Slim).