

man of conviction

pipe him in, friends
(my family found)

last struggles soon forget us
91! and through his ages
took this world to task

this man lived what he believed
and told it
don't underrate that bravery
and all the faith he kept
through time
that this our world
would be better

he made it so
with word and deed

a man of the struggle
all his days he was

last struggles soon forget us

today we live to honour him

and thank for all he did

he brought the good fight
on our behalf
to the greedy
to the stupid

he spoke sense
and he stood his ground

for solidarity, for love
around the bed we sing 'Joe Hill'

for all the trouble in our hearts
and he sang with us too

here's our boy
he's climbing Goat fell
and sees the whole world spread for better
... lives to make it so

he was for the green world —
we may have it yet

you'd know that voice anywhere
for highlands islands deep in him
for Arran and for Glasgow
but he's Australian most

all through our lives softening
learning to listen

he lit a way
firm with conviction

hard yards
with argument he did
with posters, paint
and handing out election day

through all the disappointments
he kept his resolve
and grew to be a better man
with listening, with care

last struggles soon forget us
we need such lights to follow

today we live to honour him

and thank for all he did

so pipe him

who lit a way
firm with conviction
we waver in his wake

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