The Internationale

Words by Eugene Pottier (1871)
Music by Pierre Degeyter (1888)
Piano Arrangement by Jerry Engelbach (2001)

Degeyter’s original piano arrangement of The Internationale (if indeed it was by him) is harmonically tame, so I wrote this one for myself. I wanted to avoid the stodginess of other versions but keep a 19th-century classical feeling. Recordings on the Web tend to be didactic (a sin in a song about revolution) or (shudder) pseudo-folky. The best singing I have heard has been by Marxist groups at street rallies. You don’t see too many of these in the United States.

The two versions in this file are in A Major and Bb Major. My chord symbols are the basic harmony and do not reflect all the changes in the arrangement. The lyrics I use are but one of many different versions available online.

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SOFTWARE: Finale 2002b
COMPUTER: Macintosh G4
MIDI INPUT: Fatar SL-880 controller keyboard
MIDI OUTPUT: Korg 3500 electric piano
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Arise ye workers from your slumbers, Arise ye prisoners of want. For reason in revolt now thunders, and at last ends the age of cant. Arise ye work-ers from your slum-bers, A - rise ye pris-on-ers of way with all your super-sti-tions, Servile mas-ses a-rise, a-rise. We'll change hence-forth the old tra-di-tion, And spurn the dust to win the prize. So -

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comrades come rally, And the last fight let us face. The

Internationale in A
Internationale in Bb

Comrades come rally. And the last fight let us face. The

International unites the human race. So-

Comrades let's rally. And the last fight let us face. The