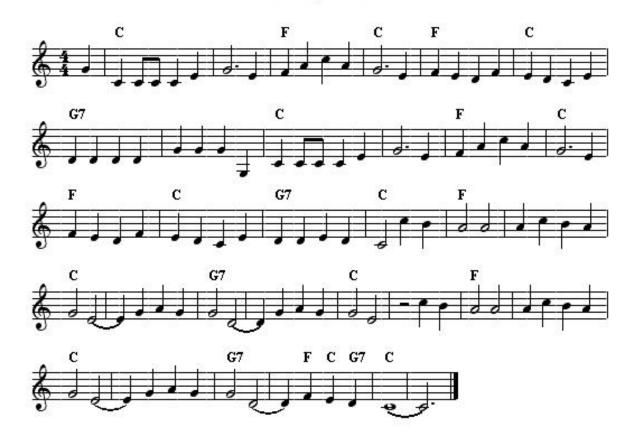
## **Union Maid**

## Woody Guthrie



There once was a union maid,
 Who never was afraid
 Of goons and ginks and company finks
 And the deputy sheriffs who made the raids.
 She went to the union hall
 When a meeting it was called,
 And when the legion boys come 'round
 She always stood her ground.

## **Chorus:**

Oh, you can't scare me, I'm sticking to the union, I'm sticking to the union. I'm sticking to the union. Oh, you can't scare me, I'm sticking to the union, I'm sticking to the union 'Til the day I die.

- This union maid was wise
   To the tricks of company spies,
   She couldn't be fooled by a company stool,
   She'd always organize the guys.
   She always got her way
   When she struck for better pay.
   She'd show her card to the National Guard And this is what she'd say:
   Chorus
- 3. You gals who want to be free,
  Just take a tip from me;
  Get you a man who's a union man
  And join the ladies' auxiliary.
  Married life ain't hard
  When you got a union card,
  A union man has a happy life
  When he's got a union wife.
  Chorus

"Red Wing" was a popular song written in 1907 with music by Kerry Mills and lyrics by Thurland Chattaway. Mills adapted the music of the verse from Robert Schumann's piano composition "The Happy Farmer, Returning From Work" from his 1848 **Album for the Young**, Opus 68. The original version of "Red Wing" is in the Songs section.

A bawdy parody of this song (also titled "Red Wing") is in the Bawdy Songs section. Woody Guthrie used many older tunes for his songs and in the case of "Union Maid" he used the tune of "Red Wing".