1.
What a system what a system
what a system what a crime
we can't mend it we can end it
end it now and for all time

In a tunnel hot as blazes
excavating for a mine
he digs gold among the rockfalls
as they pay him two and nine

In a city on a corner
stands a house that's mighty grand
where in glory and in splendour
lives the magnate of the Rand
(Witwatersrand)

Up above the mining compound
when he joins the picket line
he is labour agitator
and his life's not worth a dime

2.
Hlangeni basebebenzi (twice)
Hlanganani (CHORUS)

IGAWU yinhlangano yabasebenzi
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3.
Amandla
Amandla ngawethu
Yabasebenzi
Basebenzi mas' manyaneni

Ilizwe
Ilizwe ngelathu
Yabasebenzi
Basebenzi mas' manyaneni

Kudala
Kudala sisebenzelwa amaBhunu
Yabasebenzi
Basebenzi mas' manyaneni

Solime etsheni
Kudala sisebenzelwa amaBhunu
Yabasebenzi
Basebenzi mas' manyaneni

4.
Wozanini Basebenzi
Nizofundu nizowazi
Amandlenu Ngamakhulu
ng'Union engeyethu

Umsebenzi eyedwana
Amandlakhe mancanyanga
Uyaxoshwa eyedwana
Uholelwa kancanyana

Basebenzi hlengene
Nibenufume emonyeni
Niszene nibambane
Nokwaziwa nahlonishe

Sizangoba ngeqiniso
Schilubishwa ndawozonke
Nokuxoshwa kopheliwa
nge Union engeyethu

Arekopaneng Ma-Afrika
Arekopaneng mesebetsing
Arekopaneng rebuisane
Ho ba kopano kemeta

Arekopaneng Ma-Afrika
Arekopaneng mesebetsing
Arekopaneng rebuisane
Ho ba kopano kephenyo

5.
Let every good fellow now join in the song
Vive la compagnie
Success to each other and pass it along
Vive la compagnie

CHORUS
Vive la, vive la, vive l'amour
Vive le, vive le, vive l'amour
Vive l'amour, vive l'amour
Vive le compagnie

A friend on the left and a friend on the right
Vive le compagnie
In love and good fellowship let us unite
Vive le compagnie

Chorus
Now wider and wider our circle expands
Vive la compagnie
We sing to our comrades in far away lands
Vive la compagnie

Chorus
Solidarity forever
Solidarity forever (Chorus)
Solidarity forever
For the union makes us strong

When the union's inspiration through
the workers' blood shall run
There shall be no power like it
anywhere beneath the sun
Yet what force on earth is weaker
than the feeble strength of one?
But the union makes us strong (Chorus)

Is there aught we hold in common with the
greedy parasite.
Who would lash us into servitude and
would crush us with his might?
Is there anything left to us but
to organize and fight?
For the union makes us strong (Chorus)

It is we who ploughed the fields
built the cities where they trade
Dug the mines and built the workshops
endless miles of railroad laid
Now we stand outcast and starving
'midst the wonders we have made
But the union makes us strong (Chorus)

All the world that's owned by idle drones
is ours and ours alone. We have
laid the wide foundations, built it
skyward stone by stone
It is ours and not to slave in but to
master and to own
While the union makes us strong (Chorus)

They have taken untold millions
that they never toiled to earn
But without our brain and muscle
not a single wheel can turn
We can break their haughty power
gain our freedom when we learn
That the union makes us strong (Chorus)

In our hands is placed a power greater
than their hoarded gold
Greater than the might of armies
magnified a thousand-fold
We can bring to birth a new world
form the ashes of the old
For the union makes us strong (Chorus)