

Galloway and Stephens

In 1855-6 construction workers in Melbourne, Australia under the leadership of James Galloway and James Stephens won the struggle for an eight hour working day. These songs are in memory of these two great leaders.

Galloway and Stephens

by Alan Parkinson

*Who were the men who led the fight that
won the eight hour day?*

*The men to whom we owe a debt we
never can repay*

*Their names will live forever though they
lie beneath the clay*

*It was no one else but Galloway and
Stephens*

Chorus

*It was Galloway and Stephens who
pioneered the trail*

*Who lead the band of working men
determined to prevail*

*And so we stand together as their names
we proudly hail*

*And shout 'burrab' for Galloway and
Stephens*

*Back in the dark Satanic days, a time
when life was bleak*

*The workers toiled from dawn to dusk
for sixty hours a week*

*Until they said we'll make a stand no
time for being meek*

*We'll put our trust in Galloway and
Stephens*

Chorus

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*They were the honest working men the
history books ignore*

*To tell instead of emperors and jingoistic
war*

*And crooked politicians worthless
monarchs by the score*

*We trade them all for Galloway and
Stephens*

Chorus

We are on the same boat

by Paul Robson

Chorus

*We are on the same boat, Oh! brother
If you tip one end, you gonna rock the
other*

On the same boat, Oh! brother

Chorus again

*Ob! Lord look down
from thy holy place*

*Ob! Lord bear me, what a sea of space
What a place to launch thy human race*

*So be build him a boat
with a mixed up crew*

*With the eyes of black and brown and blue
That's the reason you and I*

*Have just one world
And just one sky*

Chorus again