

We Were There

CHORUS

by Bev Grant

We were there in the fac-tor-ies. We were there in the mills.

We were there in the mines and came home to fix the

meals. We were there on the pic-ket line We raised our voi-ces loud It makes me

proud just know-ing we were there

WE WERE THERE (chorus arrangement)
(CHORUS' LINES IN CAPITAL LETTERS)

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We have ploughed and we have planted / We have gathered into barns
Done the same work as the men / With babies in our arms
But you won't find our stories / In most history books you read
We were there We're still here / Fighting for the things we need

CHORUS:

WE WERE THERE IN THE FACTORIES
WE WERE THERE IN THE MILLS
WE WERE THERE IN THE MINES
AND CAME HOME TO FIX THE MEALS
WE WERE THERE ON THE PICKET LINES
WE RAISED OUR VOICES LOUD
IT MAKES ME PROUD JUST KNOWING WE WERE THERE.

From the textile mills in Lawrence / To the sweatshops in New York
From the fields in California / Where our children had to work
We fought to make a living
BREAD AND ROSES WAS OUR CRY
Though they jailed and beat our bodies
OUR SPIRIT NEVER DIED

CHORUS:

WE WERE THERE (in the factories)
WE WERE THERE (in the mills)
WE WERE THERE (in the mines)
AND CAME HOME TO FIX THE MEALS
WE WERE THE-RE (on the picket lines)
WE RAISED OUR VOICES LOUD
IT MAKES ME PROUD, JUST KNOWING
WE WERE THERE

OO-OO, OO-OO... (We were Polish...)

CHORUS: (ALL)

(last verse: ALL)

WE ARE TEACHERS, WE ARE DOCTORS
WE ARE COOKS AND ENGINEERS
LETTER CARRIERS, TRUCK DRIVERS
CONDUCTORS AND CASHIERS
WE OPERATE MACHINERY
WE FLY THE BIG AIRPLANES
AND WE HELP TO BUILD OUR UNIONS
WE GOT STRUGGLE IN OUR VEINS

CHORUS: 2X(ALL) and repeat last line:

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