

# The Westwood Rows

TYG 109

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The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second and third lines end with a double bar line. The fourth line begins with a 3/4 time signature, followed by a measure with a whole rest, then a 7/4 time signature, and continues to the end of the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

In nine-teen six - ty nine the coun - cil bull - dozed all the rows; \_\_\_ A  
hun - dred years of his - tory turned to rub - ble and to dust, \_\_\_ A hun - dred years of  
mem - ories of the men who fought for work \_\_\_ were land - scaped as they  
cleared a - way the past. \_\_\_ That win - ter saw the min - ers clam and starve. \_

1. In nineteen-sixty-nine the Council bulldozed all the Rows;  
A hundred years of history turned to rubble and to dust,  
A hundred years of memories of the men who fought for work  
Were landscaped as they cleared away the past.

***That winter saw the miners clam and starve.***

2. Newton Chambers built the Rows for black sheep and for scabs  
And eight-hundred-and-fifty men and boys were turned away.  
By locking out the miners who'd refused to take a cut  
They thought they'd won for ever and a day.

***That winter saw the miners clam and starve.***

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3. And they brought policemen to protect the ones who worked,  
 The ones who took the offers and the anti-union deal.  
 They built them homes to live in and to shield them from the rage  
 Of the ones who knew how brotherhood should feel.

***That winter saw the miners clam and starve.***

4. In April eighteen-sixty-nine two hundred men attacked.  
 No-one was harmed. A point was made and pride upheld instead.  
 They smashed the cottage windows and scattered the police,  
 Who hid themselves in lavatories, or just fled.

***That winter saw the miners clam and starve.***

5. And then in eighteen-seventy, in the first month of the year,  
 They came again in hundreds, armed with clubs and picks and guns.  
 They overwhelmed the garrison, subdued the bosses' men  
 And once more the police went on the run.

***That winter saw the miners clam and starve.***

6. With cutlasses the reinforcements came from Barnsley town.  
 The workers fought again, but this time could not win the day.  
 Twenty-three men found themselves arrested and in chains.  
 The York Assizes saw them locked away.

***That winter saw the miners clam and starve.***

7. The Thorncliffe and the Westwood Rows lived on a hundred years.  
 Now there's a park where once men worked and starved and fought and lost.  
 From nineteen-eighty-five a swift, short decade did the job  
 Of covering the evidence of the past.

***That winter saw the miners clam and starve.***

8. To retail worlds and shopping malls and call centres and parks  
 And museums and nature walks and landscaped hills we go.  
 But do we now remember what once stood where we now stand,  
 At Orgreave, Cortonwood or the Westwood Rows?

***That winter saw the miners clam and starve.***

At Orgreave, Cortonwood and the Westwood Rows

***That winter saw the miners clam and starve.***