

We Want Action

(Addressed to International UAW President Rory Gamble who was appointed by outgoing, indicted International UAW President Gary Jones. This poem is dedicated to Brother Travis Watkins who was terminated from a GM plant for informing fellow UAW members of unsafe working conditions relating to COVID-19.)

Brother Rory

We don't want to hear about your laundromatic Ethics Committee
appointed by the cons for the cons of the cons
We don't want redundant double lip service wringing out
of both sides of the same mouth simultaneously
We don't want to see you in your blue collar suit with sleeves
rolled up top button unbuttoned and belly unbound

Brother Rory We Want Action

We don't want to hear Live to fight another day Advance to the Rear
Backdown to rise Upfront Retreat to beat Defeat
We don't want jointness teamwork win-win claptrap as we
consume toxic fumes and choke on token democrats
We don't want pleading piehole rants on how solidarity depends
on porkbelly politicians so donate now to my Flower Fund

Brother Rory We Want Action

We don't want triple tiers piece rates permanent temps flexible standards
subcontracted supplemental Memorandums of Understanding
We don't want to hear about your years of service or your days
back in the days when you banked time working the line
We don't want to hear about your tough talk in the backroom or how you
laid down the law *Man* we want a *Trench* not a line in the sand

Brother Rory We Want Action

We don't want to hear I tried and tried my hands are tied and tangled
in excuses piled high as swarming flies on a heap of lies
We don't want to donate time to distracting political acting committees
or parade behind to tag a tail on blind leading blind charades
We don't want salable solidarity speeches while you finger wiggle
no strike clauses under the table with pie pilfering corpo rats

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We never want to hear again Concessions save jobs wherein
organizing drives die on the backs of sweetheart contracts
We don't believe in company union partnerships no matter how much
blood money corpos pour into your Solidarity Heaven House
We don't want bootlickin water totin finger waggin donkey men
with pretend grins and double motivations praisin profit sharin

Brother Rory We Want Action

We don't want to hear about another company union committee
appointed to decide our health and safety in a Board Room
We don't want to hear Brother Watkins has to dangle in the air
of indecision over workers' rights to control working conditions
We don't want more weak excuses and deliberated deliberations
postponing reinstatement and remuneration Hell No

Brother Rory We Want Action We Want Action
We Want Action Now

Gregg Shotwell
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