

# The Digger Song (World Turned Upside Down)

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**Intro:** droning E

E B  
 In sixteen forty nine to St George's Hill  
 A E  
 a ragged band they called the Diggers came to show the peoples' will  
 E B  
 they defied the Landlords, they defied the laws  
 A B E  
 they were the dispossessed, reclaiming what was theirs

**Chorus:** E

B  
 "we come in peace" they said, to dig and sow  
 A E  
 we come to work the lands in common and to make the wastegrounds grow  
 E B  
 this earth divided, we will make whole  
 A B E  
 so it will be a common treasury for all

the sin of property, we do disdain E B  
 no man has any right to buy and sell the earth for private gain A E  
 by theft and murder they took the land E B  
 now everywhere the walls spring up at their command A B E

they make the laws to chain us well E B  
 the clergy dazzle us with heaven or they damn us into hell A E  
 we will not worship the god they serve E B  
 the god of greed who feeds the rich while poor man starve A B E

we work, we eat together we need no swords E B  
 we will not bow to the masters or pay rent to the lords A E  
 we are free men, though we are poor E B  
 you diggers all stand up for glory stand up now A B E

from the men of property, the orders came E B  
 they sent the hired men and troopers to wipe out the Diggers' claim A E  
 tear down their cottages, destroy their corn E B  
 they were dispersed, but still the vision lingers on A B E

you poor take courage, you rich take care E B  
 this earth was made a common treasury for everyone to share A E  
 all things in common, all people one E B  
 we come in peace, the orders came to cut them down A B E