

Rosa's Lovely Daughters

A feminist anthem inspired by Rosa Luxemburg, a leading figure of the German Socialists and a pacifist who was murdered by right-wing paramilitaries in Berlin in 1919.

Original words by Robb Johnson adapted for male singers by Roy Bailey

Who's that walking miles for water
Who's that sweat-shoppin' all day long
From the hot south, to the cold north
Who are these so proud and so strong

Chorus

*These are Rosa's lovely daughters, these are no man's blushing brides
These are Rosa's lovely daughters, and they will not be denied*

From the workbench in the back room
From the cradle by the bed
From mad mothers to peace campers
Who are these seeing red

While their fathers shake their bargains
Their good wives stand round and weep
But their hearts sing while they're dancing
“We are no man's to give or to keep”

Being skewed, slewed, stewed and awkward
I am clumsy like a clown
There's a wildfire in the backyard
And the big white house is burning down

Chorus x2 <quiet then loud>

and they will not be denied <loud>