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We've got a road to walk, it's mighty steep too.
But one thing that we know is true,
Let history not be repeated,
A people united will never be defeated.

Our good old earth we've got to guard and share,
We've got to keep her safe and free from care,
And that means standing up for what is right.
We'll fight the poison with all our might.

We won't stop, oh Lord, we'll barely rest.
We're committed 'cause the truth is our test.
We have righteousness on our side,
Those poison devils had better hide.

Some folks think we'll never win,
That toxic waste is a deadly sin,
But we ain't gonna let nobody turn us around.
We once were lost, but now we're found.

Demonstrator's Song
Warren County, North Carolina
September 1982

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To my parents
John and Margaret Novotny
and to my grandmothers
Dora Kleinert and Catherine Novotny

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