

Diggers Song

Gerard Winstanley, 17C

You noble diggers all, stand up now, stand up now

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The wasteland to maintain, seeing cavaliers by name

Your digging does disdain, and persons all defame

Stand up now, diggers all

Your houses they pull down, stand up now, stand up now

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Your houses they pull down to- fright poor men in town

But the gentry must come down and the poor shall wear the crown

With spades and hoes and ploughs, stand up now, stand up now

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Your freedom to uphold, seeing cavaliers are bold

To kill you if they could, your rights from you to hold

Stand up now, diggers all