

## Are You From Bevan?

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In *Songs of the Pacific Northwest*, Phil notes that this song is a parody of the 1915 pop song, "Are You From Dixie?", which was also parodied by the International Workers of the World as "Are You A Wobbly?" He also gives an extensive ac-

count of the labor troubles that occasioned the song. *GWL*: "Why should we use those songs?" *PJT*: "Well, they're both Tin Pan Alley tunes. That's what makes 'em so singable—they're both darn good tunes!"—August 19, 1997



1. Hel-lo, strang-er, how do you do? There's some-thing I'd like to say to you.  
2. It was way back in 19 and 12 Our gas com-mittee was put on the shelf.



You seem sur - prised I re - cog-nize; I'm no com - pa - ny stool but I just sur - mise  
First we walked out, then we were locked out - then by a foul we were all but knocked out.



You're from the place I'm long - ing to be. Your smil - ing face seems to say to me  
Our un - ion min - ers faced guns and jail, Hun - dreds of us were held with - out bail, But by



You're from the is - land, Your land and my land, So tell me can it  
Aug - ust 19 - 14 our la - bor they were court - ing, But they black list - ed



Chorus:  
be? Are you from Be - van? I said from Be - van Where those fields of stumps they  
me.



beck - on to me. I'm glad to see you! Tell me how be you, and those friends I'm long - ing to



see? If you're from Un - ion Bay or Courte - nay or Cum - ber - land An - y place be - low that Be - van



sec - ond dam - Are you from Be - van? I said from Be - van, 'Cause I'm from Be - van too!