Are You From Bevan?

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 account of the labor troubles that occasioned the song.

GW: "Why should we use those songs?" PI: "Well, they’re both Tin Pan Alley tunes. That’s what makes ’em so singable—they’re both darn good tunes!"—August 19, 1997

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1. Hello, stranger, how do you do? There’s something I’d like to say to you.
2. It was way back in 19 and 12 Our gas committee was put on the shelf.

You seem surprised I recognize; I’m no company stool but I just surmise
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 longing to be. Your smiling face seems to say to me
Our union miners faced guns and jail, Hundreds of us were held without bail, But by

You’re from the island, Your land and my land, So tell me can it
Aug 19-14 our labor they were courting, But they black listed be?

Chorus:

Are you from Bevan? I said from Bevan Where those fields of stumps they
beckon to me. I’m glad to see you! Tell me how be you, and those friends I’m longing to

see? If you’re from Union Bay or Courtenay or Cumberland Any place below that Bevan

second dam - Are you from Bevan? I said from Bevan, ’Cause I’m from Bevan too!