



Scottish
Opera

Marx in London!

Jonathan Dove

Libretto by **Charles Hart**

after an original scenario by Jürgen Weber

Act 1 Scene 1 – My Father is the Leader

TUSSI

My father

Is the leader of the

Non-conformist pack:

The sons of revolution

Are sworn to his destruction.

Act 1 Scene 2 – Drink and be Done

WORKERS

Haul away, Harry!

Haul away, Tom!

Drink, and be done with your sorrow!

MARX

The mercantile lickspittles ...

TUSSI

... Expropriate our chattels!

MARX

That's my Welsh dresser!

TUSSI

That's our Welsh dresser!

MARX

And my four-poster!

TUSSI

And our poor sofa!

MARX

My nest of tables ...

TUSSI

Our best bone china!

MARX & TUSSI

No!

Act 1 Scene 2 – Workers of the World

MARX

Workers of the world?

Unworthy of the name!

Leeches on the lame!

For shame!

TUSSI

For shame!

MARX, TUSSI & HELENE

For shame!

Act 1 Scene 3 – Mister Teacher

TUSSI

Cure,

Mister teacher,

All the defects you detect.

Inspire me,

And move me! Unlock me,

Improve me!

FREDDY

The situation

Is not ideal.

This relocation

Has no appeal.

It's too surreal

Act 1 Scene 4 – Another Little Drink

JENNY & HELENE

Another little drink!

JENNY

On the brink

Of defeat,

One last treat!

BOTH

Another little drink!

HELENE

In the blink

Of an eye

We'll be high!

BOTH

Another little drink!

JENNY

Let the clink

Of our glasses resound ...

HELENE

As our sorrows are drowned ...

BOTH

*By the glorious sound
Of ...*

JENNY

... Another little drink!

HELENE

... Another little drink!

Act 1 Scene 5 - Each Man Will Play His Part

CHORUS

*Soon, soon
Each man will play his part,
Obeying no oppressor,
But the promptings of his heart.
And Paris will be seen
As just the start.*

Act 1 Scene 6 – My Silver! My Silver!

SPY

*Fourteenth
August,
Eighteen
Seventy-one.
The doer
Undone.
In debt and on the
Run.*

MARX

*My silver!
My silver!
Where is my precious silver?
It was my one
Remaining hope!
Now I have none ...*