

MIDDLESBROUGH – The Klondike Song

They came from overseas and overland
They came to work with pick and pen in hand
Families from Norfolk's plain, headed north to find their fame
Leaving poverty and starvation on their land

They came from Wales and Cornwall, Scotland too
And working boys from Ireland joined the crew
Frontier spirit in their hearts, this is where the future starts
Middlesbrough right now's the place to go

Middlesbrough, Middlesbrough
For the Klondike, it's time to pack and go
The new frontiers here up the River Tees
Middlesbrough right now's the place to go

All our families came to build a life
Daughter and son husband and wife
They'd open shops or trim the coals, teach in school or dig the holes
Each one brought a skill to the Klondike

Quaker, Muslim Christian Sikh Hindu
Each with their special way, each held their view
They've made a home on the Tees plain, despite the wind despite the rain
In only a hundred years or two

Then the ironmasters came with an iron will
They took the iron ore for the new steel mill
Coal came from Durham pits, loaded here on collier ships
Down by the plain below the hill

Though times have changed that frontier will survives
Through two world - wars our sons have fought and died
Factories from open field, abbey vale to industry
We've built this Hercules on the Tees-side

With picks and pens and shovel spade and hand
They came from overseas and overland
Irish Cornish Yorkshire Tyke, made a home on this Klondike
And left their mark forever on the land