



# **You Noble Diggers All (The Diggers Song)**

**Lyrics by Gerrard Winstanley  
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**Performed by Chumbawamba  
(1982–present)**

**And, Of Course, by Your Good Selves  
(Right Now)**

**WINSTANLEY**

You noble diggers all  
Stand up now, stand up now  
You noble diggers all  
Stand up now  
The wasteland to maintain  
Seeing cavaliers by name  
Your digging does maintain  
And persons all defame  
Stand up now, stand up now

Your houses they pull down,  
Stand up now, stand up now  
Your houses they pull down,  
Stand up now  
Your houses they pull down  
To fright your men in town  
But the gentry must come down  
And the poor shall wear the crown  
Stand up now diggers all

With spades and hoes and plows  
Stand up now, stand up now  
With spades and hoes and plows,  
Stand up now  
Your freedom to uphold  
Seeing cavaliers are bold  
To kill you if they could  
And rights from you to hold  
Stand up now diggers all

The gentry are all round  
Stand up now, stand up now  
The gentry are all round  
Stand up now  
The gentry are all round  
On each side the are found  
Their wisdom so profound  
To cheat us of our ground  
Stand up now stand up now

The lawyers they conjoin  
Stand up now stand up now  
The lawyers they conjoin  
Stand up now  
To arrest you they advise,  
Such fury they devise,  
The devil in them lies  
And hath blinded both their eyes  
Stand up now, stand up now

The clergy they come in  
Stand up now, stand up now  
The clergy they come in  
Stand up now  
The clergy they come in  
And say it is a sin  
That we should now begin  
Our freedom for to win  
Stand up now diggers all

'Gainst lawyers and 'gainst priests  
Stand up now stand up now  
'Gainst lawyers and 'gainst priests  
Stand up now  
For tyrants they are both,  
Even flat against their oath  
To grant us they are loathe  
Free meat and drink and cloth  
Stand up now diggers all



The club is all their law,  
Stand up now stand up now  
The club is all their law,  
Stand up now  
The club is all their law,  
To keep all men in awe  
That they no vision saw  
To maintain such a law  
Stand up now diggers all

