

Marx and Engels

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Should we sing a song about Marx and Engels?  
Should we celebrate them as great big thinkers?  
Should we denigrate them as commie pinkos?

In 1847 they composed a ghostly tale  
About a spectre haunting Europe that would make the nations wail  
The *Communist Manifesto* was a thought-provoking hit  
Showing history was driven by recurring class conflict.

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What do you know about Marx and Engels?  
Do you know that Marx screwed his children's wet nurse?  
Do you know that Engels managed Marx's coin purse?

The *German Ideology* proposed a stark revision  
Inverting the relationship within Hegelianism  
Real, active men made ideas and history  
By organizing work into labor socially.

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What else do you know about Marx and Engels?  
Do you know that Marx was a correspondent?  
Do you know that Engels was a textile magnet?

Private property  
Makes inequality  
And with technology  
Makes the state

Engels argued this  
After Marx's death  
Strongly influenced  
By L.H. Morgan.

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Now we've sung a song about Marx and Engels.  
Now we've celebrated them as great big thinkers.  
Now we've denigrated them as commie pinkos.