

Act 10

George: I'm tired of this! The only thing these fools are interested in is striking it rich! Here we are—wasting yet another summer searching for silver and gold.

William: I don't care for silver or gold—for neither will fill my stomach this winter. Riches will do us little good if we're dead from starvation.

Narrator: At last, the members of Jamestown realize that something must be done soon, or they will starve in the coming winter.

William: I'm so glad that the men threw Edward Wingfield off the council.

George: Yes. The best thing we've done so far is elect John Smith as the council president.

Narrator: This happens on Sept 10, 1608. John Smith calls a meeting of all members of the colony.

John: It is now illegal to search for gold or silver. Our top priorities are food and shelter.

Unless everyone works, we shall surely starve. He who will not work, shall not eat. I will assign each of you a job, and if you refuse to do it, you will be left on the other side of the river.

Narrator: Some men were foolish enough to defy John Smith. He did what he promised and left them to die on the other side of the river. Chief Powhatan admired John Smith's leadership because he made the colonists work.

William: Captain John Smith gave each person a job, and he worked hard himself. We cleared, plowed, and planted fields. We strengthened the fort's walls and built sturdier homes. He was the only real leader we have ever had.



Song: Work For a Living

All: Just one year after assuming leadership of the colony, a bag of gunpowder blew up in John Smith's lap. He returned to England to recuperate. Sadly, he never saw Virginia again. And the Jamestown colony nearly collapsed after it lost his guidance.



Beware of Captain Smith!

Keep him out! He can't be trusted.
Heed what I say
Or rue the day
You heard of Captain Smith.

He's not like us! He can't be trusted.
They'll mutiny
With such as he.
Run clear of Captain Smith!

He's rough and crude! He can't be trusted.
He's like this land—
He's a savage man.
Beware of Captain Smith!

No council for him! He can't be trusted.
I'll find the source
And stop this course.
Beware of Captain Smith!



Work For A Living

You've got to work for a living—yes sir.
You've got to work for a living—every day.
You've got to work for a living—yes sir.
Everybody pays their way.

Money don't come from nothing.
Money don't grow on trees.
Unless you were born on a wealthy morn,
You better get right down on your knees.

You've got to work for a living—yes sir.
You've got to work for a living—every day.
You've got to work for a living—yes sir.
Everybody pays their way.

It's always good to work for something.
It's always good to have a dream.
Though you might be looking at trouble,
It's not always quite as hard as it might seem.

You've got to work for a living—yes sir.
You've got to work for a living—every day.
You've got to work for a living—yes sir.
Everybody pays their way.