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Con spirito

Music librarians, unite! You've nothing to

strings

lose but your

and winds and brasses

and and

and percussion and

You must fight the

all of your funding!

Philistines of ignorance: the

You must fight the

musically ill

You must

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literate, the bibliographically uncontroll'd, the fight
You must fight the
budget slash-ers and censor-i-ous censors and
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those who associate MLA Solely with Modern
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Languages! Come to the fore-front! Don't hide
Languages! Come to the fore-front! Don't hide
Bach, Beethoven and Brahms under a bushel! Let there be
Bach, Beethoven and Brahms under a bushel!
light

From ancient to avant-

garde and beyond!
The portions are
garde and beyond! The times are tough

But never, never, never give up or give in!

But never, never, never give up or give in!

Music librarians, unite! There's a

world to win!