Joan Baez "Ballad Of Sacco & Vanzetti"

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Father, yes, I am a prisoner Fear not to relay my crime The crime is loving the forsaken Only silence is shame

And now I'll tell you what's against us An art that's lived for centuries Go through the years and you will find What's blackened all of history

Against us is the law
With its immensity of strength and power
Against us is the law
Police know how to make a man
A guilty or an innocent

Against us is the power of police
The shameless lies that men have told
Will ever more be paid in gold
Against us is the power of the gold
Against us is racial hatred
And the simple fact that we are poor

My father dear, I am a prisoner Don't be ashamed to tell my crime The crime of love and brotherhood And only silence is shame

With me I have my love, my innocence The workers and the poor For all of this I'm safe and strong And hope is mine

Rebellion, revolution don't need dollars They need this instead Imagination, suffering, light and love And care for every human being

You never steal, you never kill You are a part of hope and life The revolution goes from man to man And heart to heart

And I sense when I look at the stars That we are children of life, death is small

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