

Ohio State Buckeyes

"23 Hours"

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Arrested - beaten black and blue
Confession - beaten out of you
You didn't do it - but you still get the cell
In prison - institutionalised hell

23 hours - banged up day and night
Beatings - given out left and right
By the screws who want to put you down
Degradation - they rub your face in the ground

How many are imprisoned for a crime they didn't do
Don't think for one minute that it couldn't be me or you
So if you feel you're tempted to just ignore this song
Put yourself in their place and write to right the wrong

How many thousands of people all around the globe
are imprisoned for crimes they never committed? How
many more for their political beliefs? Or simply
because they have fallen foul of vicious, oppressive
legal systems that serve only to protect the wealthy
and powerful elite? What is perhaps the cruellest blow
of all to these people is when those of us on the outside
simply sit back and allow them to rot in the cells.
Organisations like Amnesty International and The
Anarchist Black Cross have shown that, by using our
collective strength, we can get out many of these
people. There is no excuse for inaction. At the time of
recording, Martin Foran is on hungerstrike and John
Perotti is on fast to death - How many more lives must
be screwed up and wasted before we face up to our
responsibilities and work to support our sisters and
brothers in captivity?

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