

Phil Ochs

"A Toast to Those Who Are Gone"

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Pre>c am

Many's the hour I've lain by my window

C am

And thought of the people who carried the burden

C am

Who marched in the strange fields in search of an
answers

C am g

And ended their journeys an unwilling hero

Am em am g

Here's a song to those who are gone with never a
reason why

Em am

And a toast of the wine at the end of the line

D7 g

And a toll of the bell for the next one to die

Back in the coal fields of old harlan county

Some talked of the union, some talked of good wages

And they lined them up in the dark of the forests

And shot them down without asking no questions

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reason why

And a toast of the wine to the end of the line

And a toll of the bell for the next one to die

And over the ocean, to the red spanish soil

Came the lincoln brigade with their dreams

But they fell in the fire of germany's bombing

And they fell 'cause no one would hear their sad
warning

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reason why

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And a toll of the bell for the next one to die

In old alabama, in old mississippi

Two states of the union so often found guilty

They came on the busses, they came on the marches

And they lay in the jails or they fell by the highway

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The state it was texas, the town it was dallas

In the flash of a rifle a life was soon over

And nobody thought of the past million murders

And the long list of irony(?) had found a new champion

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