Phil Ochs "IN THE HEART OF THE SUMMER"

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Intro: dm gm dm gm dm

Gm dm

In the heat of the summer

Fа

When the pavements were burning

Dm c dm

The soul of a city was ravaged in the night

Gm dm

After the city sun was sinkin'

Dm gm dm

Now no one knows how it started

Fа

Why the windows were shattered

Dm c dm

But deep in the dark, someone set the spark

Gm dm

And then it no longer mattered.

Dm gm dm

Down the streets they were rumbling

Fa

All the tempers were ragin

Dm c dm

Oh, where, oh, where are the white silver tongues

Gm dm

Who forgot to listen to the warnings?

Dm gm dm

On and on come the angry

Fa

No longer following reason

Dm c dm

And all the stores were the target now

Gm dm

Where just the other day they were buyin

Dm gm dm

Drunk with the memory of the ghetto

Fa

Drunk with the lure of the looting

Dm c dm

And the memory of the uniforms shoving with their sticks

Gm dm

Asking, "are you looking for trouble?"

Dm gm dm

"no, no, no," moaned the mayor.

Fa

"it's not the way of the order.

Dm c dm

"oh stay in your homes, please leave us alone

Gm dm

"we'll be glad to talk in the morning."

Dm gm dm

"for shame, for shame," wrote the papers.

Fa

"why the hurry to your hunger?

Dm c dm

"now the rubble's resting on your broken streets

Gm dm

"so you see what your rage has unraveled."

Dm gm dm

Baricades sadly were risin

Fa

Bricks were heavily flyin

Dm c dm

And the loudspeaker drowned like a whisperin' sound

Gm dm

When compared to the angered emotions

Dm gm dm

And when the fury was over

Fа

And the shame was replacing the anger.

Dm c dm

So wrong, so wrong, but we've been down so long

Gm dm

And we had to make somebody listen

Gm dm gm dm gm dm

In the heat of the summer.....

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