

Phil Ochs "My Life"

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INTRO: G / C / D / C / G / C

D G D

My life was once a joy to me,

G / C / G

Never knowing, I was growing, everyday.

D G D

My life was once a toy to me,

Em

And I wound it and I found it ran away.

Am

So I raced through the night

G

With a face at my feet, like a god I would write,

F

All the melodies were sweet, and the women were white.

E D

It was easy to survive, my life was so alive.

My life was once a flag to me

And I waved it and behaved like I was told.

My life was once a drag to me

And I loudly, and I proudly, lost control

I was drawn by a dream

I was loved by a lie, every serf on the scene

Begged me to buy.

But I slipped through the scheme

So lucky to fail

My life was not for sale.

My life is now a myth to me

Like the drifter, with his laughter in the dawn.

My life is now a death to me

So I'll mold it and I'll hold it till I'm born

So I turned to the land

Where I'm so out of place

Throw a curse on the plan

In return for the grace

To know where I stand

Take everything I own

Take your tap from my phone

And leave my life alone
My life alone.

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