

## **Phil Ochs**

# **"That's What I Want to Hear"**

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Oh, you tell me that your last good dollar is gone  
And you say that your pockets are bare  
And you tell me that your clothes are tattered and torn  
And nobody seems to care

Now don't tell me your troubles  
No I don't have the time to spare  
But if you want to get together and fight  
Good buddy that's what I want to hear

And you tell me that your job was taken away  
By a big ol' greasy machine  
And you tell me that you don't collect no more pay  
And your belly is growing lean

Now if I had the jobs to give  
You know I'd give them all a way  
But don't waste your breath calling out my name  
If you don't have nothing to say

And you tell me that you don't have nothing to do  
And you keep on wasting your time  
And you say when you want to get your family some  
food  
You gotta stand in a relief line

Now it's a sin and a bloody shame  
'Bout the way they're pushing you 'round  
But when you decide not to take no more  
You know I'll put my money down

'Cause I've seen your kind many times before  
And I'll see 'em many times again  
Oh, but every bad thing that's happened to you  
Has happened to better men

So don't explain that you've lost your way  
That you've got no place to go  
You've got a hand and a voice and you're not alone  
Brother that's all you need to know

And if you're still wondering what I'm trying to say

Let me tell you what it's all about  
Now nobody listens to a single man  
When he's walkin' 'round down and out

So if you're looking for an answer  
He's standing there by your side  
And you'll never really know how far you'll go  
'Til you join together and try

So you tell me that your last good dollar is gone  
And you say that your pockets are bare  
And you tell me that your clothes are tattered and torn  
And nobody seems to care

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