

## Phil Ochs "The Ballad of The Carpenter"

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Dm c dm

Jesus was a working man

C dm

And a hero you will hear

C dm am

Born in the town of bethlehem

Dm gm

At the turning of the year

A7 dm

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When jesus was a little lad

Streets rang with his name

For he argued with the older men

And put them all to shame

He put them all to shame

He became a wandering journeyman

And he traveled far and wide

And he noticed how wealth and poverty

Live always side by side

Live always side by side

So he said "come you working men

Farmers and weavers too

If you would only stand as one

This world belongs to you

This world belongs to you"

When the rich men heard what the carpenter had done

To the roman troops they ran

Saying put this rebel jesus down

He's a menace to God and man

He's a menace to God and man

The commander of the occupying troops

Just laughed and then he said

"there's a cross to spare on calvaries hill

By the weekend he'll be dead

By the weekend he'll be dead"

Now jesus walked among the poor  
For the poor were his own kind  
And they'd never let them get near enough  
To take him from behind  
To take him from behind

So they hired one of the traders trade  
And an informer was he  
And he sold his brother to the butchers men  
For a fistful of silver money  
For a fistful of silver money

And jesus sat in the prison cell  
And they beat him and offered him bribes  
To desert the cause of his fellow man  
And work for the rich men's tribe,  
To work for the rich men's tribe

And the sweat stood out on jesus' brow  
And the blood was in his eye  
When they nailed his body to the roman cross  
And they laughed as they watched him die  
They laughed as they watched him die

Two thousand years have passed and gone  
Many a hero too  
But the dream of this poor carpenter  
Remains in the hands of you  
Remains in the hands of you

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