Phil Ochs "The Parade's Still Passing By"

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I got the news today
That you refused to play
Cause you never made number one
But it's not just the words
It's the deeds that are heard
When all is said and done
Kings take their crowns
They melt them all down
Trying to get the gold out
You went to hell and
Even when you weren't selling
You never ever sold out.

You weren't no leader. You were more like a bleeder Who was trying to cry for us all You weren't no sage But your sense of outrage Sounded like a trumpet call Fifteen years ago In the old folky show You were just one voice in the crowd But now with so few singing Your voice would have been ringing Out 'bout twice as loud. There but for fortune Say a small circle of friends Some may see the changes So few see the ends The pleasures of the harbor Have come to you at last You may not be marching anymore But the parade's still going past.

I'm not taking the blame
That we killed you
You know you did that to yourself
But it was kind of a shame
That you played that game
You were better than anyone else
One shot of your bottle
Got you full throttle

It was the friend that was always there But your greatest gift And the curse you lived with Was that you could always care.

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