

## Phil Ochs "There but for Fortune"

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Intro: G Cm G Cm G Cm

G Cm G Cm

Show me a prison, show me a jail,

G Em Am D

Show me a prisoner whose face has gone pale

Em C Am

And I'll show you a young man with so many reasons  
why

Bm G Am D

And there but for fortune, may go you or I

Show me the alley, show me the train,  
Show me a hobo who sleeps out in the rain,  
And I'll show you a young man with so many reasons  
why  
There but for fortune, may go you or go I -- you and I.

Show me the whiskey stains on the floor,  
Show me the drunken man as he stumbles out the door,  
And I'll show you a young man with so many reasons  
why  
There but for fortune, may go you or go I -- you and I.

[Extra verse... written by Noel Paul Stookey]

Show me the famine, show me the frail  
Eyes with no future that show how we failed  
And I'll show you the children with so many reasons  
why  
There but for fortune, go you or I.

Show me the country where bombs had to fall,  
Show me the ruins of buildings once so tall,  
And I'll show you a young land with so many reasons  
why  
There but for fortune, go you or go I -- you and I.  
You and I,  
There but for fortune, go you or go I -- you and I.

Here it is in French (supplied by William Curtis):

Je vois le prison  
Je vois la nuit  
Je vois le prisonnier qui pleure sa vie

Et je me dis souvent  
Quand je m'endors dans tes bras  
Ou va la chance, a toi ? a moi ?

Je vois des blessures  
Jamais gueries  
Je vois le vagabond  
Quit dort sous la pluie

Je vois cet homme  
Au coeur perdu  
Qui boit pour ne plus voir  
Ce qu'il est devenu

Je vois des villes  
Don't les maisons  
Un jour sous la guerre  
Ont croule sans raison

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