

Vanzetti's Rock

I'm standin' on the rock, Vanzetti
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Where men like you have stood

I see the tourists, Vanzetti
Around your Plymouth Rock
Black glasses, sun goggles, an' glasses
Smoked glasses to block out the light

I see 'em come here as you've seen 'em
I see lots more than you saw
I see 'em in fast running cars
You seen 'em in wagons and carts

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These tourists don't see you, Vanzetti
The salesmen and gamblers' on tour
Your footprints are dim an' your trail has sprung weeds
An' their tourist map don't show you there

The trade union workers, Vanzetti
Will vacation here and will tour
This rock, an' this town, an' Plymouth around
When statues have souls like yours

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Your picture is painted, Vanzetti
Your words are carved 'round the frames
Your songs an' your poems an' workin' folks' dreams
Will flame with our greatest of names

Your name I'll paint on my porters
My streets, my mountains an' shops
Your hopes that you hoped an' the dreams that you dreamt
I'll see that your work never stops

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Those talks for the workers, Vanzetti
I'll chisel 'em down on the rock
I'll tell every worker to fight like you fought
Like the Pilgrims that docked on this rock

I'll scatter your words on my waters
To the ships an' the fishes an' gulls
I'll cast your fish cart in metal so fine
An' push it around this world

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