

The Ballad of Billie Sol-crld  
By Phil Ochs

G  
Billie Sol was a man  
          C                  G  
From the giant Texas land  
  D7  
He put the Chamber of Commerce on a limb  
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They voted him the best  
          C                          G  
And the government did no less  
                                  D7                  G  
Until the I.O.U.'s of Texas fell on him  
          C                          G  
Stand tall, Billie Sol, we don't know you at all  
  D7  
We've taken down your pictures from the wall  
          G                          C  
Well, we don't want to handle an agriculture scandal  
          G                  D7                  G  
We have got to face elections in the fall

I remember when  
Bill had influential friends  
He celebrated Christmas every day  
He filled texas banks with his fertilizer tanks  
Influential friends don't die they only fade away  
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The democrats deny  
And Orville Freeman sighs  
He said "Everyone around was fair and square"  
But He was no more convincing  
than Ezra Taft Benson  
As resignations cropped up everywhere  
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And now I'd like to say  
that crime sure doesn't pay  
But if you want to make some money on the sly  
Well you can always rent  
The U.S. Government  
It's the best one that money can buy.  
Stand tall, Billie Sol  
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Well, we don't want to handle  
and agriculture scandal  
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