

Joe Hill in Jail
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A rebel we have know far long,
Who's thrilled us often with his song,
Has fallen on an evil day:
They seek to take his life away!

No harm to him can we allow;
He needs our help and he needs it now;
He's in their dungeon, dark and grim;
He fought for us; we will stand by him.

They'd fill his warrior heart with lead
And gloat to see him safely dead:
His voice forever hushed and still,
Our singing, fighting brave Joe Hill!

No harm to him can we allow;
He needs our help and he needs it now;
He's in their dungeon, dark and grim;
He fought for us; we will stand by him.

His spirit gloried in the fight:
In Labor's sure resistless might;
And One Big Union, staunch and strong:
This was the burden of his song.

No harm to him can we allow;
He needs our help and he needs it now;
He's in their dungeon, dark and grim;
He fought for us; we will stand by him.

His heart was hot with burning hate
Against the bosses, small and great;
He told what haughty Sab-cats do,
And all about the wooden shoe.

No harm to him can we allow;
He needs our help and he needs it now;
He's in their dungeon, dark and grim;
He fought for us; we will stand by him.

The "long-haired preachers" feared his name;
He filled apologists with shame:
While "Mister Block" so bland and meek,
With "Scissor-bill" did take a sneak.

No harm to him can we allow;
He needs our help and he needs it now;
He's in their dungeon, dark and grim;
He fought for us; we will stand by him.

Now, boys, we've known this rebel long;
In every land, we've sung his song;
Let's get him free that he may see
The day of our great victory!

No harm to him can we allow;
He needs our help and he needs it now;
He's in their dungeon, dark and grim;
He fought for us; we will stand by him.

He made them hate him high and low;
They feared his tuneful message so;
He'd fight for us while he had breath;
We'll save him from the jaws of death!

No harm to him can we allow;
He needs our help and he needs it now;
He's in their dungeon, dark and grim;
He fought for us; we will stand by him.