

They Were Ready for That Day  
By Phil Ochs

Oh they came from the roads, and they came from the sky,  
and they all came together, some to sing, and some to cry,  
fate was strong, and their hopes were high,  
they were ready for that day

And a feeling of glory was shared by every man,  
and the power of the numbers was all that you could stand,  
shock-wave was spreading all over the land,  
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