

## Two Good Men

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Say, there, did you hear the news?  
Sacco worked at trimmin' shoes;  
Vanzetti was a peddlin' man,  
Pushed his fish cart with his hand.

Two good men a long time gone,  
Two good men a long time gone,  
Sacco an' Vanzetti are gone,  
Two good men a long time gone  
(Left me here to sing this song).

Sacco's born across the sea,  
Somewhere over in Italy;  
Vanzetti born of parents fine,  
Drank the best Italian wine.

Sacco sailed the sea one day,  
Landed up in the Boston Bay.  
Vanzetti sailed the ocean blue,  
An' landed up in Boston, too.

Sacco's wife three children had;  
Sacco was a family man.  
Vanzetti was a dreamin' man,  
His book was always in his hands.

Sacco earned his bread and butter  
Bein' the factory's best shoe cutter.  
Vanzetti spoke both day and night,  
Told the workers how to fight.

I'll tell you if you ask me

'Bout this payroll robbery.  
Two clerks was killed by the shoe fact'ry,  
On the streets in South Braintree.

Judge Thayer told his friends around  
That he had cut the radicals down.  
"Anarchist bastard" was the name  
Judge Thayer called these two good men.

I'll tell you the prosecutor's name,  
Katzman, Adams, Williams, Kane.  
The Judge and lawyers strutted down,  
They done more tricks than circus clowns.

Vanzetti docked in nineteen eight;  
Slept along the dirty street,  
Told the workers "Organize,"  
And on the 'lectric chair he dies.

All you people ought to be like me,  
And work like Sacco and Vanzetti,  
And everyday find ways to fight  
On the union side for the workers' rights.

Well, I ain't got time to tell this tale,  
The dicks and bulls are on my trail.  
But I'll remember these two good men  
That died to show me how to live.

All you people in Suassos Lane,  
Sing this song and sing it plain.  
All you folks that's comin' along,  
Jump in with me and sing this song