

The ballad of Sacco and Vanzetti - part 2

(1972)

di Joan Baez

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Father, yes, I am a prisoner
Fear not to relay my crime
The crime is loving the forsaken
Only silence is shame

And now I'll tell you what's against us
An art that's lived for centuries
Go through the years and you will find
What's blackened all of history
Against us is the law
With its immensity of strength and power
Against us is the law!
Police know how to make a man
A guilty or an innocent
Against us is the power of police!
The shameless lies that men have told
Will ever more be paid in gold
Against us is the power of the gold!
Against us is racial hatred
And the simple fact that we are poor

My father dear, I am a prisoner
Don't be ashamed to tell my crime
The crime of love and brotherhood
And only silence is shame

With me I have my love, my innocence,
The workers, and the poor
For all of this I'm safe and strong
And hope is mine
Rebellion, revolution don't need dollars
They need this instead
Imagination, suffering, light and love
And care for every human being
You never steal, you never kill
You are a part of hope and life
The revolution goes from man to man
And heart to heart
And I sense when I look at the stars
That we are children of life
Death is small.

Informazioni

La ballata fa parte della colonna sonora del film di Giuliano Montaldo che racconta la storia di Sacco e Vanzetti e della loro assurda e vergognosa condanna a morte.

Essa si compone di tre parti.

Il bellissimo testo della ballata è stato realizzato da Joan Baez traendo ispirazione, per la parte 2, dalla lettera che Bartolomeo Vanzetti scrisse a suo padre mentre era incarcerato.

La musica della ballata, così come la stupenda colonna sonora del film, è opera del grande Ennio Morricone.