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A dismal dawn was breaking when they took her man away Not knowing what was his crime
Just what he was guilty of not one of them could say But they'll think of something in time
He says: "Goodbye and remember
We shall overcome"

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Comforting her children softly crying in the night She tries very hard to explain You know, your Daddy never did a thing that wasn't right So soon he's bound to be home again He is a good man And he shall overcome

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What does it profit him
The right to be born
If he suffers the loss of liberty?
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And we shall overcome

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