

# Wrote A Song For Everyone

Mavis Staples

Met myself a comin' county welfare line  
I was feelin' strung out, hung out on the line  
Saw myself a goin', down to war in June  
What I want, all I want is writin' myself a tune

Wrote a song for everyone  
Wrote a song for truth  
Wrote a song for everyone  
And I couldn't leave it up to you

Got myself arrested, wound me up in jail  
Richmond 'bout to blow up, communication failed  
If you see the answer, now's the time to say  
What I want, all I want is get you down to pray

I wrote a song for everyone  
Wrote a song for truth  
Wrote a song for everyone  
And I couldn't even talk to you

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Saw the people a standin' thousand years in chains  
Somebody said it's different now, look, it's just the same  
Pharaohs spins the message, 'round and 'round the truth  
They could have saved a million people, how can I tell you?

Well, I wrote a song for everyone  
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