There But For Fortune

©Phil Ochs

Show me a prison, show me a jail Show me a prisoner whose life has gone stale And I'll show you a young man With many reasons why There but for fortune, go you or I

Show me an alley, show me a train Show me a hobo who sleeps out in the rain And I'll show you a young man With many reasons why There but for fortune, go you or I

Show me the whiskey stains on the floor Show me a drunk as he stumbles out the door And I'll show you a young man With many reasons why There but for fortune, go you or I

Show me a country where the bombs had to fall Show me the ruins of buildings so tall And I'll show you a young land With many reasons why There but for fortune, go you or I You or I