

TRACK:

PAUL ROBESON
(BORN TO BE FREE)

TIME: 5:18

*Someday, when the Cold War becomes a memory, he will rival Martin
as the great American hero. Until then, sleep on, Paul.*

You can wreck my name, vilify me, stretch me on the rack
But I won't bow down to any man, be he white or be he black
Take away my passport, refuse to let me travel
But I will not get down on my knees,
You're never gonna make me grovel
There's a lot more to democracy than havin' a vote
I'm the equal here of any man, free my people, let them go
These chains around my body are never gonna hold me
And I refuse to be a slave in my own country
The great are only great 'cause we're down on our knees
Rise up, my brothers and sisters, we were born to be free
Born to be free

You can call me a traitor but I love my country
And I will not sell out it because of your hypocrisy
I refuse to hide behind the Fifth, I've no fear of honesty
You always know exactly where I am, so why don't you just
Come on over here and get me
You can tap my phone but there's one thing you will never hear
'Cause the drumbeat of freedom wasn't meant for your slaves' ears
I'll never turn my back on my comrades and my friends
The poor and the dispossessed, the women and the men
The great are only great 'cause we're down on our knees
Rise up, my brothers and sisters, we were born to be free
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*I stand here struggling for the rights of my people to be full citizens
in this country and they are not!*

Close your halls to stop me singin'
Close your minds to stop me speakin'
Close your kitchens to stop me eatin'
Close your hotels to stop me sleepin'
But I'll never turn my back on my comrades and my friends
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PAUL ROBESON - 2

I am born and bred in this America of ours. I want to love it, but we must have the courage to shout at the top of our voices about our injustices, and we must lay the blame right where it has belonged for over three hundred years of slavery and misery - right here on our own doorstep.

My father was a slave, and my people died to build this country, and I'm going to stay here and have a part of it just like you! And no facist-minded people will drive me from it--is that clear?

INTRO:

E G B E' B G

BORN TO BE FREE (For Paul)

Emin9
 You can wreck my name, villify me or stretch me on the rack
 Amin9
 but I won't bow down for any man, be he white or be he black
 Emin9
 Take away my passport, refuse to let me travel
 Amin9
 But I will not get down on my knees, you're never gonna make me
 grovel
 G
 There's a lot more to democracy than havin' a vote
 A
 I'm the equal here of any man free my people, let them go
 C
 These chains around my body are never gonna hold me
 D
 I refuse to be a slave in my own country
 C
 The great are only great because we're down on our knees
 D
 Rise up, my brothers and sisters, we were born to be free
 G
 Born to be free

E
 F#
 G
 A

You can call me a traitor but I love my country
 And I refuse to sell it out because of your hypocrisy
 I don't need to hide behind the Fifth, I've no fear of honesty
 You always know exactly where I am, so why don't you just come
 and get me
 You can tap my phone but there's one thing that you will never
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D D E G E D D E G A B B A G A B D E D

E D D B A B D B A

F
You can close your halls to stop me singin

G
Close your minds to stop me speakin'

A
Close your kitchens to stop me eatin'

Bb
Close your hotels to stop me sleepin'

C
But I'll never turn my back on my comrades and my friends

D
The poor and the dispossessed, the women and the men

C
The great are only great because we're down on our knees

D
Rise up, my brothers and sisters, we were born to be free

G Em
Born to be free

BAGB BAG E—

C
These chains around my body are never gonna hold me

D
I refuse to be a slave in my own country

C
The great are only great because we're down on our knees

D
Rise up, my brothers and sisters, we were born to be free

G Em
Born to be free

BAGB BAG E—

C
I'll never turn my back on my comrades and my friends

D
The poor and the dispossessed, the women and the men

C
The great are only great because we are on our knees

D
Rise up, my brothers and sisters, we were born to be free

Born to be free

F#
G
A
F#
G
A

Old man river, that old man river
He must know somethin', but don't say nothin'
He just keeps rollin', he keeps on rollin' along

I get weary and sick of tryin'
I'm tired of livin', but I'll go on fightin'
And old man river he just keeps rollin' along

PAUL ROBESON (OLD MAN RIVER)

Eminp

You can wreck my name, villify me or stretch me on the rack

Amin9

but I won't bow down for any man, be he white or be he black

Emin9

take away my passport, refuse to let me travel

Amin9

I refuse to get down on my knees, you're never gonna make me grovel

G

There's a lot more to democracy than havin' a vote

A

I'm the equal here of any man free my people, let them go

C

1 - These chains around my body are never gonna hold me

D

I refuse to be a slave in my own country

C

The great are only great because we are on our knees

D

Rise up, my brothers and sisters, we were born to be free

G

Born to be free

You can call me a traitor but I love my country

And I refuse to sell it out for the price of your hypocrisy

I don't need to hide behind the fifth, I'm not afraid of honesty

You always know where I am, so why don't you come and get me

You can tap my phone but there's one thing that you'll never hear

The drumbeat of freedom wasn't meant for your slaves ears

1 - I'll never turn my back on my comrades and my friends

The poor and the dispossessed, the women and the men

The great are only great because we are on our knees

Rise up, my brothers and sisters, we were born to be free

Born to be free

old man river

2 - F Close your halls to stop me singin'

G Close your minds to stop me speakin'

A Close your cafes to stop me eatin'

B Close your hotels to stop me sleepin'

~~But you can never stop me dreamin'~~

I'll never turn my back on my comrades and my friends

The poor and the dispossessed, the women and the men

The great are only great because we are on our knees

Rise up, my brothers and sisters, we were born to be free

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Concert

Paul Robeson

A D⁻ G⁻ \oplus

B D⁻⁹ G⁻⁹ D⁻⁹

G⁻⁹ F G

C B \flat C

B \flat C

D \oplus

E E \flat F G A \flat **Play C** **3xs** **8** F

D⁻ **2** **Play A** **8**

"Old Man River"

Paul Robeson

A D^- G^- \oplus

B D^{-9} G^{-9} D^{-9}

G^{-9} F G

C B_b C

B_b C

D.C. al Coda

then to 1st ending

D \oplus

E E_b F G A_b **Play C** **3xs** **8**

F D^- **2** **Play A** **8**

"Old Man River"

To E