HAVE YOU BEEN TO JAIL FOR JUSTICE?

(Anne Feeney)

C   F
Was it Cesar Chavez? Maybe it was Dorothy Day
C   D   G
Some will say Dr. King or Gandhi set them on their way
F   C   E   Am
No matter who your mentors are it's pretty plain to see
D   G
That if you've been to jail for justice, you're in good company

C   F   C   F   C
Have you been to jail for justice? I want to shake your hand
C   F
Cause sitting in and lyin' down are ways to take a stand
C   F   C   E   Am
Have you sung a song for freedom? or marched that picket line?
F   C   F   C   G   C
Have you been to jail for justice? Then you're a friend of mine

You law abiding citizens, come listen to this song
Laws were made by people, and people can be wrong
Once unions were against the law, but slavery was fine
Women were denied the vote and children worked the mine
The more you study history the less you can deny it
A rotten law stays on the books til folks like us defy it  Chorus

The law's supposed to serve us, and so are the police
And when the system fails, it's up to us to speak our peace
It takes eternal vigilance for justice to prevail
So get courage from your convictions
Let them haul you off to jail!  

Chorus