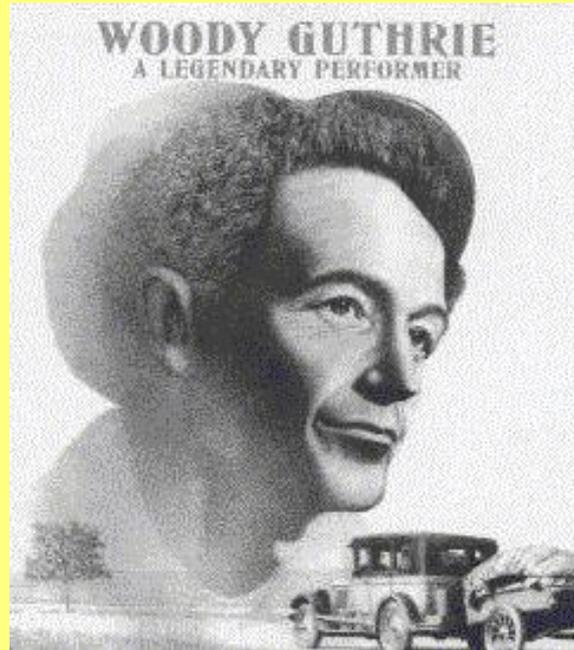


## THE SONGS OF WOODY GUTHRIE



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**Pete Seeger, June 1967:**

When Woody Guthrie was singing hillbilly songs on a little Los Angeles radio station in the late 1930s, he used to mail out a small mimeographed songbook to listeners who wanted the words to his songs. On the bottom of one page appeared the following:

"This song is Copyrighted in U.S., under Seal of Copyright # 154085, for a period of 28 years, and anybody caught singin it without our permission, will be mighty good friends of ourn, cause we don't give a dern. Publish it. Write it. Sing it. Swing to it. Yodel it. We wrote it, that's all we wanted to do."

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Woody is just Woody. Thousands of people do not know he has any other name. He is just a voice and a guitar. He sings the songs of a people and I suspect that he is, in a way, that people. Harsh voiced and nasal, his guitar hanging like a tire iron on a rusty rim, there is nothing sweet about Woody, and there is nothing sweet about the songs he sings. But there is something more important for those who will listen. There is the will of the people to endure and fight against oppression. I think we call this the American spirit.

[John Steinbeck](#); quoted in Joe Klein, *Woody Guthrie: A Life*, London, 1981, p. 160.

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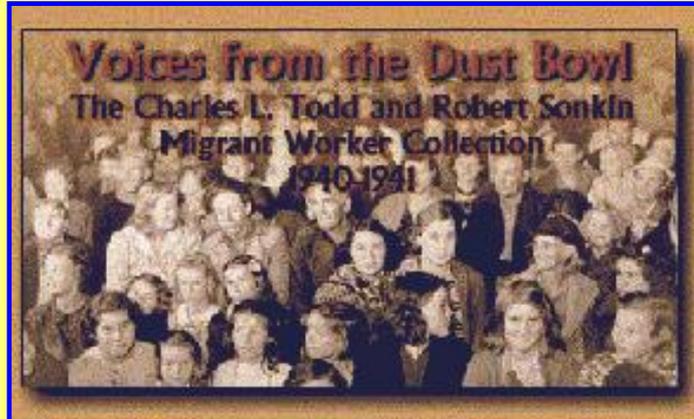
- [BELLE STARR](#) (1940s)
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## "DUST BOWL BALLADS" (RCA VICTOR, 1940)

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## "BALLADS OF SACCO & VANZETTI" (FOLKWAYS, 1946)

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## SONGS OF LABOR & STRUGGLE

- [BABE O' MINE](#) ([SARAH OGAN GUNNING](#)/WOODY GUTHRIE) (1930s/1941) (with the [ALMANAC SINGERS](#))
- [BOOMTOWN BILL](#) (with the [ALMANAC SINGERS](#)) (June 1942)
- [BOOMTOWN BILL](#) (PRINTED VARIANT) (June 1942)
- [THE DYING DOCTOR](#) (aka THE COMPANY TOWN DOCTOR) (1945)
- [THE FARMER-LABOR TRAIN](#) (1944)
- [JOE HILLSTROM](#) (1940s)
- [KEEP THAT OIL A-ROLLIN'](#) (with the [ALMANAC SINGERS](#)) (June 1942)
- [THE LADIES' AUXILIARY](#) (1942)
- [LUDLOW MASSACRE](#) (c. 1944)
- [MEAN TALKING BLUES](#) (1940s)
- [1913 MASSACRE](#) (c. 1944)
- [TALKING SUBWAY](#) (c. early 1940s)
- [THE UNION MAID](#) (1940; last verse: [MILLARD LAMPELL](#), 1941) (with [THE ALMANAC SINGERS](#))
- [THE WEAVER'S SONG](#) (1941; with [THE ALMANAC SINGERS](#); previously unissued track; released 1996)
- [WEAVERY LIFE](#) (prob. 1940s)

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## WORLD WAR II

- [THE BLINDING OF ISAAC WOODARD](#) (Aug 6, 1946)

- [BOOMTOWN BILL](#) (with the [ALMANAC SINGERS](#)) (June 1942)
  - [BOOMTOWN BILL](#) (PRINTED VARIANT) (June 1942)
  - [BORN TO WIN](#) (1940s)
  - [DEAR MRS. ROOSEVELT](#) (1940s)
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  - [LIFEBELT WASHED UP ON THE SHORE](#) (1940s)
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  - [ROUND AND ROUND HITLER'S GRAVE](#) (with the [ALMANAC SINGERS](#)) (Feb 1942)
  - [SALLY, DON'T YOU GRIEVE](#) (1944)
  - [SO LONG, IT'S BEEN GOOD TO KNOW YOU](#) (1942)
  - [TALKING SAILOR](#) (1944)
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## MISCELLANEOUS SONGS

- [HARD, AIN'T IT HARD](#) (with the [ALMANAC SINGERS](#)) (July 1941)
  - [JESUS CHRIST](#) (1940s)
  - [OKLAHOMA HILLS](#) (1937) (as recorded by JACK GUTHRIE)
  - [PHILADELPHIA LAWYER](#) (aka RENO BLUES) (1937) (as recorded by ROSE MADDOX)
  - [TALKING SUBWAY](#) (as recorded by [JOHN GREENWAY](#))
  - [THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND](#) (MANUSCRIPT; 1940)
  - [THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND](#) (ALTERNATE LYRICS; 1952)
  - [BILLY BRAGG'S & WILCO'S "MERMAID AVENUE"](#) (previously unreleased Woody Guthrie songs; 1998)
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## VD SONGS (1940s)

### RAMBLIN' JACK ELLIOTT:

I suppose I taught [Bobby](#) a few of my songs. Those old VD songs by Woody that nobody wanted the young kids to know, he picked them up from me....

**quoted in Robert Shelton, No Direction Home, London 1987, p. 104.**

- [VD BLUES](#) (as performed by [BOB DYLAN](#), 1961)
  - [VD GUNNER'S BLUES \(LANDLADY\)](#) (as performed by [BOB DYLAN](#), 1961)
  - [VD SEAMAN'S LAST LETTER](#) (from [BOB DYLAN](#)'s McKenzie manuscripts, 1961)
  - [VD WALTZ](#) (as performed by [BOB DYLAN](#), 1961)
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## LINKS TO REAL AUDIO SOUNDFILES

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## WOODY GUTHRIE as part of [THE ALMANAC SINGERS](#)

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### SOME OF WOODY'S PROSE

- [MY LIFE](#) (1947)
  - [NOTES ABOUT MUSIC](#) (1940s)
  - [ON JIM GARLAND](#) (1940s)
  - [ON THE "GRAPES OF WRATH" MOVIE](#) (1939-'40)
  - [ON SARAH OGAN GUNNING](#) (1940s)
  - [ON AUNT MOLLY JACKSON](#) (1940s)
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### TRIBUTES

**QUESTION:**

So then you heard of Guthrie and he changed your life?

**BOB DYLAN:** I heard of [Odetta](#) first...

**QUESTION:**

Then you heard of Guthrie and he changed your life?

**BOB DYLAN:** Then I heard of Josh White...

**QUESTION:**

Then you heard of Guthrie...

**BOB DYLAN:**

Then I heard about those riots in San Francisco... an' I missed out on meeting James Dean so I decided to go meet Woody Guthrie.

**J. R. Goddard Interview, Village Voice, Mar 1965.**

- [BOUND FOR GLORY \(PHIL OCHS\)](#) (1963)
- [LAST THOUGHTS ON WOODY GUTHRIE \(BOB DYLAN\)](#) (1963)
- [SONG TO WOODY \(BOB DYLAN\)](#) (1961)
  - [DOWNLOAD & WATCH A COLLAGE OF GUTHRIE PHOTOS \(REAL MEDIA, 137 KB\)](#)

- [TRIBUTE TO WOODY GUTHRIE](#) (BOBBY BARNETT/MELINDA ANN) (1980s)
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## SOME WOODY GUTHRIE LINKS

- [1972 New York Times article](#)
- [The Clancy Brothers remember Woody Guthrie](#)
- [Woody Guthrie -- Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame Inductee](#)
- [1995 Pittsburgh Post Gazette article](#)  
(Peter Glazer's "Woody Guthrie's American Song")
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