

Paul Robeson Song (Powerful Voice)

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Paul Robeson was a true "Renaissance Man" with impressive talents in music, sports, drama, and political/social change. He was a great African-American hero. Unfortunately, in the 1950's Paul Robeson was persecuted for his political views.

(Chorus:)

Oh, what a powerful voice, ringing out all over the land
Oh, Mr. Paul Robeson, singing out and taking a stand

A hundred years ago, a baby boy was born,
over in Princeton town
and he grew up singing for freedom and justice
Oh what a glorious sound!

(Chorus)

On the stage, on the screen, on the football field -
Seemed like nothing that he could not do
But it was singing the songs of freedom and struggle,
where his spirit really rang true

(Chorus)

He said, everyone must make a choice
to be a slave or to walk free
You can go whichever way you want,
but freedom is for me

(Chorus)

Paul Robeson's gone, but his voice remains,
you can hear it ringing over the hills
When you sing out for freedom and you fight for justice,
his spirit is living still!

(Chorus)