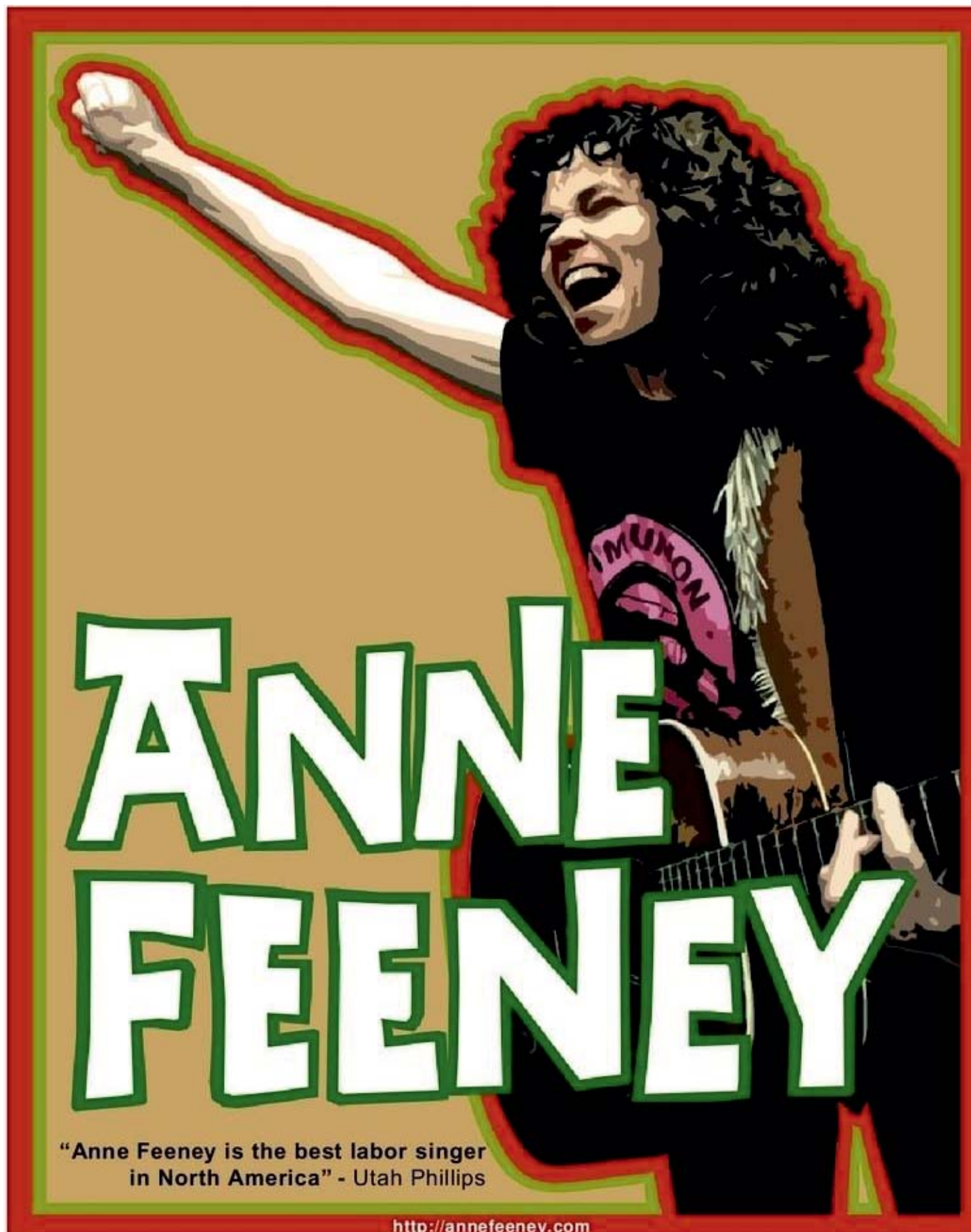


have you been to jail

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for justice?



ANNE FEENEY

**"Anne Feeney is the best labor singer
in North America" - Utah Phillips**

<http://annefeeney.com>

Anne Feeney (1951-2021) trained as a lawyer, seeking to effect social change through the legal system but also pursuing music and activism, and eventually became a full time activist, blending folk music with her political message.

She recorded twelve albums and toured most of the period from 1991 to 2015, attending protest rallies and joining concerts of groups like Peter, Paul and Mary (who also recorded a version of this civil disobedience anthem at youtu.be/rCbhOc1VZ6k)

She introduces the song by saying: "We have wonderful free speech rights in this country as long as we exercise those rights ineffectively"

Was it Ce-sar Cha-vez? May-be it was Do-ro-thy Day
Some will say Doc-tor King or Gan-dhi set them on their way
No mat-ter who your men-tors are it's pret-ty plain to see
If you've been to jail for jus-tice, you're in good com-pa-ny
Have you been to jail for jus-tice? I want to shake your hand
Sit-ting in and ly-in' down are ways to take a stand
Have you sung a song for free-dom or marched that pick-et line?
Have you been to jail for jus-tice? So you're a friend of mine

American journalist Dorothy Day (1897-1980) was imprisoned for suffrage activity in 1917. She also took part in civil disobedience activities against nuclear weapons and for black civil rights during the 1950s and was jailed several times.

Was it Cesar Chavez? Maybe it was **Dorothy Day**
Some will say Doctor King or Gandhi set them on their way
No matter who your mentors are it's pretty plain to see
If you've been to jail for justice, you're in good company

Have you been to jail for justice? I want to shake your hand
Sitting in and lyin' down are ways to take a stand
Have you sung a song for freedom or marched that picket line?
Have you been to jail for justice? So 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

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 piece
It takes eternal vigilance for justice to prevail
So get courage from your convictions
Let them haul you off to jail

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