

# "All the News that's Fit to



## CELIA

After World War II a civil war erupted in the Phillipines and an American marine named Bill Pomeroy joined the rebel Huk army as a writer and teacher. He married a Phillipino girl named Celia and after a couple of years of living with the guerillas they were captured by the government and sentenced to life imprisonment.

When the Huks were defeated, the government allowed a general amnesty. After ten years separation, Pomeroy was sent to the States while Celia was not granted a passport. He started a letter-writing campaign to get his wife out of the Phillipines. One of the letters was sent to Pete Seeger, who arranged for me to meet Pomeroy. The day I met him he received a cablegram from Celia saying she just got her passport after a year and a half out of jail. She wasn't allowed in the United States, so they're living in England now.

*Moderately*

by PHIL OCHS

1. When the wind from the is-land is roll-in' thru the trees. When a kiss from a pris-on cell is car-ried in the breeze That's when I won-der how sad a man can be Oh when will Ce-lia come to me. me. Oh when will Ce-lia come to me.

2. I still remember the mountains of the war  
Sierra Madre and the Philipino shore  
When will I lie beside my Celia neath the trees  
Oh when will Celia come to me.

3. So many years were stolen, so many years are gone  
And the vision of my Celia made dreams to dream upon  
Each hour is a day filled with memories  
Oh when will Celia come to me.

4. I wake each morning and I watch the sun arise  
Wonder if my Celia sleeps, wonder if she cries,  
If hate must be my prison lock, then love must be the key,  
Oh when will Celia come to me.

5. The guns have stopped their firing, you may wander  
thru the hills,  
They kept my Celia thru the war, they keep her from  
me still,  
She waits upon the island, now a prisoner of the sea  
Oh when will Celia come to me.

6. (Repeat first verse)

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