There But For Fortune

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Show me a prison, show me a jail Show me a prisoner whose life has grown stale And I'll show you a young man with many reasons why There but for fortune go you or I

Show me an alley, show me a train Show me a hobo who sleeps out in the rain And I'll show you a young man with many reasons why There but for fortune go you or I

Show me the whiskey stains on the floor Show me a drunkard as he stumbles out the door And I'll show you a young man with many reasons why There but for fortune go you or I

Show me the country where the bombs had to fall Show me the ruins of the buildings once so tall And I'll show you a young land with many reasons why There but for fortune go you or I, you or I