

# Redemption Song 103



**G** **Em7**  
**Old Pirates, yes, they rob I**  
**C** **G** **Am**  
**Sold I to the merchant ships**  
**G** **Em** **C** **G** **Am**  
**minutes after they took I from the bottomless pit**  
**G** **Em7**  
**But my hand was made strong**

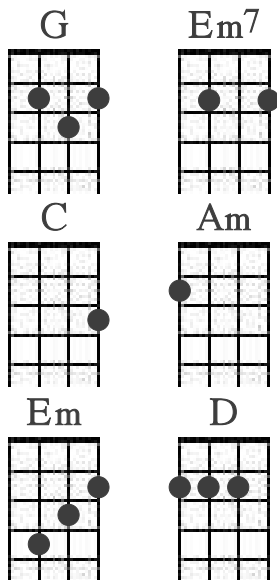
Bob was somebody who was an incredible role model. Anybody you talk to, who has witnessed him, knows he really led by example. He was always on time for things -- which is hardly a Jamaican trait.

I went on a lot of the 1980 tour and he was always the first one on the bus. Traditionally, the star is the last one on the bus, if he isn't going in a limo. If there were a lot of people and they had to fly economy, he would travel with them. He never put himself in a position where he would be seen as being different from anybody else.

In that respect, he was somebody who lived up to the example of the leaders of all the main religions: there is one quality all such figures have, which is humility. And Bob really had that natural humility. He was also a natural leader

....absolutely, truly natural.

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**C** **G** **Am**  
**By the hand of the Almighty**  
**G** **Em** **C** **D**  
**We forward in this generation triumphantly**  
**Chorus**  
**G** **C** **D** **G**  
**Won't you help to sing these songs of freedom?**  
**C** **D** **Em** **C** **D** **G** **C**  
**'Cause all I ever had, redemption songs,**  
**D** **G** **C** **D**  
**redemption songs**

**G** **Em7**  
**Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery,**  
**C** **G** **Am**  
**None but ourselves can free our minds**  
**G** **Em**  
**Have no fear for atomic energy,**  
**C** **G** **Am**  
**'Cause none of them can stop the time**  
**G** **Em7**  
**How long shall they kill our prophets**  
**C** **G** **Am**  
**While we stand aside and look?**  
**G** **Em**  
**Yes, some say it's just a part of it.**  
**C** **D**  
**We've got to fulfill the book**

**Repeat Chorus then Second Verse & Chorus**