Woody Guthrie
Champion of the Working Poor & the Jobless, the Victims of the Dust Bowl & Depression
Program by Hank Arbaugh

Tips about Singing Along: e.g., "New York Town," "This Land...Land"

1. "Pastures of Plenty" the Visions & Pride of migrant workers & the Working Poor
2. "Do-Re-Mi" (Disillusionment about CA & Workers find no Garden of Eden there
   of The Grapes of Wrath
3. "Departee" Migrant workers dehumanized, Names unknown when plane crashes.
4. "Slip Knot" While a youth, Woody saw vigilante hanging of blacks - drew sketch.
   I'll tell stories about Merchant Marine period.
6. "Blowin' Down This Old Dusty Road" dust bowl refugees cope heroically.
7. "Oklahoma Hills" (w/cousin Jack) Cherokees work as cowboys. Will Rogers story.
8. "Roll On Columbia" The Bonneville Dam project = infrastructure jobs to 2005
   Franklin Roosevelt's infrastructure programs.
10. "Hard Traveling" Review of Woody's & others' jobs while a-ramblin' Jobs insecure & scarce during depression - one had to be a traveler & a jack of all trades
11. "Jesus Christ" Jesus contested the rich & upheld the everyman. The bankers
   and legislators called him an "agitator" so they "laid [him] in his grave."
12. one verse of "Fare Thee Well, Cisco" (Tom Paxton) background on Cisco
13. "Talking Dust Bowl Blues" Woody started a whole new Genre - a style
   for protest, for giving hope to the workers and dust bowl victims, and for
   providing humor in otherwise bleak conditions

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