

Moses Moon Civil Rights Recordings 1963-1964: Washington, DC; after November 22, 1963(OT N18)

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[[singing in background; Freedom train]]

<i>Samuel Block</i>: -that the freedom train is coming.

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You know the plantation owners in Mississippi are so bad and so mean until they just don't want Negros in Mississippi to become registered voters.

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And this is why we've been fighting so hard to try to gain the right to vote.

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Now they tell their workers on the plantation, now if you go out there and mess with those [[?]] outside agitators for carrying on, said we going to carry you, and get Big Smitty - well Stupid Smitty is what we call him, he's the sheriff you know,

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he arrested a federal official when he showed him his credentials in Mississippi, this is the sheriff this is why we call him Stupid Smitty.

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So, you know, listen now we're gonna take that little 12 dollars a week from you that you make on the plantation, so now you won't have no food, and you're kids are not gonna have no food either, and we're gonna make Stupid Smitty carry you up there and throw you in jail and lock you up, and I'm not gonna get you out.

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But we told them that since we been duped and been stolen and been talked about for so long now, and been using jail to scare Negros you know we ain't scared of your jails no more, because we want our freedom, now you can do what you want,

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you know, but we ain't scared of your jails, because we want our freedom. So in Mississippi we sang this song to 'em, you know. We ain't scared of your jails because we want our freedom. So let's try.

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[[Song begins]] I ain't scared of your jails, 'cause I want my, I want my, I want my I ain't scared of your jails, 'cause I want my, Lord I want my freedom now

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I ain't scared of penitentiary, 'cause I want my, oh I ain't scared of penitentiary, 'cause I want my, Lord I want me freedom now

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I'm gonna be arrested Lordy, 'cause I want my, Lord I want my, Lord I want my I'm gonna be arrested Lordy, 'cause I want my, I want my

freedom now

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I'll never turn back, 'cause I want my, Lord I want my, oh I'll never turn back, because I want my, Lord I want my freedom now

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I'll be telling everybody that I want my, that I want my, oh I'll be telling everybody that I want my, that I want my freedom now

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Gonna keep on fighting 'till I get my, Lord I get my, oh Gonna keep on fighting 'till I get my, Lord I get my freedom now

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I ain't scared of your dogs 'cause I want my, Lord I want my, Lord I want my I ain't scared of your dogs 'cause I want my, Lord I want my freedom now

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I ain't scared of your sticks 'cause I want my, Lord I want my, Lord I want my I ain't scared of your sticks 'cause I want my, Lord I want my freedom now

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You can throw me in jail but I want my, Lord I want my, oh You can throw me in jail but I want my, Lord I want my freedom now

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I'm gonna tell my friends that I want my, that I want my, oh I'm gonna tell my friends that I want my, that I want my freedom now

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You can talk about me, but I want my, Lord I want my, Lord you can talk about me, but I want my, Lord I want my freedom now

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I don't mind dying 'cause I want my, Lord I want my, Lord I want my I don't mind dying 'cause I want my, I want freedom now

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Oh I'd tell my friends that I want my, Lord I want my, Lord I want my I'd tell my friends that I want my, Lord I want my freedom now

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I ain't scared of your jails, 'cause I want my, Lord I want my, Lord I ain't scared of your jails, 'cause I want my, Lord I want my freedom now

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[[Song ends]] [[Applause]]

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Well since we've said we that we aint scared of your jails we want our-



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