



Lyrics to “If I Had a Hammer”

By Pete Seeger and Lee Hays

If I had a hammer
I'd hammer in the morning
I'd hammer in the evening
All over this land
I'd hammer out danger
I'd hammer out a warning
I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters
All over this land

If I had a bell
I'd ring it in the morning
I'd ring it in the evening
All over this land
I'd ring out danger
I'd ring out a warning
I'd ring out love between my brothers and my sisters
All over this land

If I had a song
I'd sing it in the morning
I'd sing it in the evening
All over this land
I'd sing out danger
I'd sing out a warning
I'd sing out love between my brothers and my sisters
All over this land

Well I got a hammer
And I got a bell
And I got a song to sing
All over this land
It's the hammer of justice
It's the bell of freedom
It's the song about love between my brothers and my sisters
All over this land

“Dear fellow human beings: mankind does not have another 2000 years to learn to love his neighbor. We must change the conditions of our life so love flows from it and good humor flows from it as it would from a happy family. Let us open our eyes and our ears to one another. Let's exchange missionaries with each other, back and forth. And so I'm here tonight, the most I can do is sing you some of the songs that I know.”

--Pete Seeger