

Ballad of Anthony Porter

50 hours before his scheduled execution in 1998, Anthony Porter was granted a stay by the Illinois Supreme Court, "The reprieve was granted not out of concern that Porter might be innocent, but solely because he had tested so low on an IQ test that the court was not sure he could comprehend what was about to happen to him, or why. The court's intent was merely to provide time to explore the question of the condemned man's intelligence, but it had an unanticipated consequence: It gave a Northwestern University Professor David Protes, private investigator Paul Ciolino, and a team of journalism students time to investigate the case and establish Porter's complete innocence." Complete story at <http://www.law.northwestern.edu/depts/clinic/wrongful/exonerations/porter.htm>

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Solo 1. An-thon-y Por - ter on death row, lived a
2. Ju - ry did - n't buy his a - li - bi. He was
3. A pro - bo - no re - view found that

3 hell that we'll nev - er know. C:Keep your Eyes on the Prize. Hold
sen - tenced to die.
Por - ter had a low I. Q.

Solo Sev - en - teen years in cap - ti - vi - ty, based on a
He was poor, he was Black, did - n't have the
Got an ex - e - cu - tion stay, just be -

11 false tes - ti - mo - ny. C:Keep your Eyes on the Prize. Hold on!
mo - ney to fight back.
fore his fi - nal day.

Refrain Hold on! Hold on! Keep your Eyes on the Prize.

22 Hold on!

4. Northwestern U. began to shout, and the truth began to come out.
Another man serving time, Alstory Simon, confessed to the crime.

5. Anthony Porter bound in Jail, had no money for to go his bail.
College Students began to shout. Jail door opened and he walked out!

6. Man is not God, God is not man, Neither is Wisconsin [substitute name of state] the Great I AM.
Brothers and Sisters the struggle at hand is to ban legal murder throughout the land!