

**johnny cash - Folsom Prison Blues**

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Subject: FOLSOM PRISON BLUES

Song: FOLSOM PRISON BLUES  
Performed by: JOHNNY CASH  
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G  
I HEAR THE TRAIN A COMIN, IT'S ROLLIN ROUND THE BEND,  
  
I AIN'T SEEN THE SUNSHINE SINCE I DON'T KNOW WHEN.  
C G  
I'M STUCK IN FOLSOM PRISON AND TIME KEEPS DRAGGIN ON.  
D7 G  
BUT THE TRAIN KEEPS ROLLIN ON DOWN TO SAN ANTONE.

G  
WHEN I WAS JUST A BABY MY MAMA TOLD ME, SON  
  
ALWAYS BE A GOOD BOY, DON'T EVERY PLAY WITH GUNS.  
C G  
BUT I SHOT A MAN IN RENO JUST TO WATCH HIM DIE.  
D7 G  
WHEN I HEAR THAT WHISTLE BLOWIN I HANG MY HEAD AND CRY.

G  
I BET THERE'S RICH FOLKS EATIN IN A FANCY DININ CAR,  
  
THEY'RE PROB'LY DRINKIN COFFEE AND SMOKIN BIG CIGARS,  
C G  
BUT I KNOW I HAD IT COMIN, I KNOW I CAN'T BE FREE,  
D7  
BUT THOSE PEOPLE KEEP A MOVIN AND THAT'S WHAT  
G  
TORTURES ME.

G  
WELL IF THEY FREED ME FROM THIS PRISON, IF THAT RAILROAD  
  
TRAIN WAS MINE  
  
I BET I'D MOVE A LITTLE FARTHER ON DOWN THE LINE.  
C G  
FAR FROM FOLSOM PRISON THAT'S WHERE I WANT TO STAY  
D7 G  
AND I'D LET THAT LONESOME WHISTLE BLOW MY BLUES AWAY.

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Folsom Prison Blues by Johnny Cash  
(from "The Songs of Johnny Cash")

G  
I hear the train a-comin'; it's rollin' 'round the bend,

G G7  
And I ain't seen the sunshine since I don't know when,

C7 G  
I'm stuck at Folsom Prison and time keeps draggin' on.

D7 G  
But that train keeps a-rollin' on down to San Antone.

2. When I was just a baby, my momma told me, "Son,  
Always be a good boy; don't ever play with guns."  
But I shot a man in Reno, just to watch him die.  
When I hear that whistle blowin', I hang my head and cry.

3. I bet there's rich folk eatin' in a fancy dining car.  
They're prob'ly drinkin' coffee and smokin' big cigars,  
But I know I had it comin', I know I can't be free,  
But those people keep a-movin', and that's what tortures me.

4. Well if they freed me from this prison, if that railroad train  
was mine,  
I bet I'd move it all a little farther down the line,  
Far from Folsom Prison, that's where I want to stay,  
And I'd let that lonesome whistle blow my blues away.

From: t.j.strom[at]ub.uio.no (Trond J. Stroem)

I think Cash' recording goes E - A - B7, otherwise this is correct,  
of course.  
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From: colton[at]bnr.ca (Kevin Colton)  
Subject: TAB: Fulsom Prison Blues

Well no one has requested this but here are the riffs  
from Johnny Cash's "Fulsom Prison Blues". I'd like to  
see tab/chords for any of his other songs, particularly  
"Ring of Fire." All mistakes are mine alone ... Kevin

h = hammer  
p = pull off  
b = bend  
(B7) = chord

INTRO and END ...

e  
 B  
 G  
 D           1 1                           Verse = E A B7  
 A  2 2 2           2                    alternate pick / downstrum  
 E                   3b4b3 0               ie. pick 5th / down /  
   pick 6th / down

SOLO ...

e           7 9p7 10 7           7 9p7 9b10b9  
 B  8h9                           8h9  
 G   x 2  
 D  
 A  
 E

e  7 6 5           5                   5           5 9 5   12 11 12 11  
 B                   5                   5           5           5  
 G           6 6           6   6 6           6  
 D  
 A  
 E

e  
 B  
 G  
 D   0h2   2           2           2           0h2   2  
 A           2                   0h2                   2           0 1  
 E  0                   0                   0                   0 4

e  
 B  
 G  
 D   1  1  1  1  
 A  2 (B7)   (B7) 2 (B7)   (B7) 0h2 2   2   1   0  
 E           2                   2                   2                   2b3b2 0