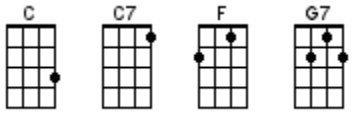
Folsom Prison Blues v3

Johnny Cash and Gordon Jenkins 1953 (recorded by Cash in 1955)



****beginners [C7] can be played as a [C]****

INTRO: [C] [C]

I **[C]** hear the train a-**[C]** comin', It's **[C]** rollin' round the **[C]** bend
And **[C]** I ain't seen the **[C]** sunshine since, **[C7]** I don't know **[C7]** when
I'm **[F]** stuck in Folsom **[F]** Prison **[F]** And time keeps **[F]** draggin' **[C]** on **[C] [C]**
[C] … But that **[G7]** train keeps a-rollin',
[G7] On down to **[G7]** San An-**[C]**tone **[C] [C] [C]**

When **[C]** I was just a **[C]** baby, My **[C]** mama told me **[C]** "Son
[C] Always be a **[C]** good boy, Don't **[C7]** ever play with **[C7]** guns"
But I **[F]** shot a man in **[F]** Reno, **[F]** Just to **[F]** watch him **[C]** die **[C] [C]**
[C] … When I **[G7]** hear that whistle **[G7]** blowin',
[G7] I hang my **[G7]** head and **[C]** cry **[C] [C] [C]**

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[C] When I **[G7]** hear that whistle **[G7]** blowin',
[G7] I hang my **[G7]** head and **[C]** cry **[C] [C] [C]**

I **[C]** bet there's rich folks **[C]** eatin', In a **[C]** fancy dinin' **[C]** car
They're **[C]** probably drinkin' **[C]** coffee, And **[C7]** smokin' big **[C7]** cigars
Well I **[F]** know I had it **[F]** comin', **[F]** I know I **[F]** can't be **[C]** free **[C] [C]**
[C] … But those **[G7]** people keep a-**[G7]** movin'
[G7] And that's what **[G7]** tortures **[C]** me **[C] [C] [C]**

Well if they **[C]** freed me from this **[C]** prison, If that **[C]** railroad train was **[C]** mine
I **[C]** bet I'd move it **[C]** on, A little **[C7]** farther down the **[C7]** line
[F] Far from Folsom **[F]** Prison, **[F]** That's where I **[F]** want to **[C]** stay **[C] [C]**
[C] And I'd **[G7]** let that lonesome **[G7]** whistle
[G7] Blow my **[G7]** blues a-**[C]**way **[C] [C]**

[C] ... And I'd **[G7]** let that lonesome **[G7]** whistle
[G7] Blow my **[G7]** blues a-**[C]**way **[C] [C] [C↓]**