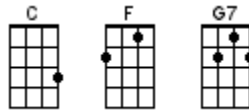


Folsom Prison Blues

LESSON 13

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



INTRO: [C] [C]

Verse 1:

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, [C] I don't know [C] 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-[G7] rollin', [G7] On down to
[G7] San An-[C]tone [C] [C] [C]

Verse 2:

When [C] I was just a [C] baby, My [C] mama told me [C] "Son
[C] Always be a [C] good boy, Don't [C] ever play with [C] 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]

Verse 3:

I [C] bet there's rich folks [C] eatin', In a [C] fancy dinin' [C] car
They're [C] probably drinkin' [C] coffee, And [C] smokin' big [C] 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]

Verse 4:

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 [C] farther down the [C] 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]

Outro:

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