

Jailhouse Rock (Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, 1957) (A)

[Jailhouse Rock](#) by Elvis Presley (Eb @ 167) (45 Record)

[Official Audio](#) – [Live](#) – [Movie clip](#)

Intro

Ab A Ab A Ab A Ab A

Ab A - Ab

The warden threw a party in the county jail

A - Ab

The prison band was there and they began to wail

A - Ab

The band was jumpin' and the joint began to swing

A

You should've heard them knocked out jailbirds sing

Chorus

D A D7 A

Let's rock everybody, let's rock.

E D E7 D7

Every-body in the whole cell block

A - Ab

Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock.

A - Ab

Spider Murphy played the tenor saxophone

A - Ab

Little Joe was blowin' on the slide trombone

A - Ab

The drummer boy from Illinois went crash, boom, bang

A

The whole rhythm section was the Purple Gang. **Chorus**

A - Ab

Number Forty Seven said to Number Three

A - Ab

"You're the cutest jailbird I ever did see

A - Ab

I sure would be delighted with your company

A

Come on and do the Jailhouse Rock with me". **Chorus**

Optional Instrumental Solo

D A E D A Ab

A - **Ab**
Sad sack was sittin' on a block of stone
A - **Ab**
Way over in the corner weepin' all alone
A - **Ab**
The warden said, "hey, buddy, don't you be no square
A
If you can't find a partner, use a wooden chair"

Chorus

D **A** **D7** **A**
Let's rock everybody, let's rock.
E **D** **E7** **D7**
Every-body in the whole cell block
A - **Ab**
Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock.

A - **Ab**
Shifty Henry said to Bugs, "For Heaven's sake
A - **Ab**
No one's lookin' now's our chance to make a break"
A - **Ab**
Bugsy turned to Shifty and he said, "Nix, Nix
A
I want to stick around a while and get my kicks". **Chorus**

Outro

A - **Ab**
Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock
Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock
Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock
Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock
Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock.

Chorus Option: Play the IV and V as 7ths, the I as a major.

D7 **A**
Let's rock everybody, let's rock.
E7 **D7**
Every-body in the whole cell block
A - **Ab**
Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock.

Jailhouse Rock (Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller, 1957) (Eb)

[Jailhouse Rock](#) by Elvis Presley (Eb @ 167) (45 Record)

[Official Audio](#) – [Live](#) – [Movie clip](#)

Intro

D Eb D Eb D Eb D Eb

D Eb - D

The warden threw a party in the county jail

Eb - D

The prison band was there and they began to wail

Eb - D

The band was jumpin' and the joint began to swing

Eb

You should've heard them knocked out jailbirds sing

Chorus

Ab Eb Ab7 Eb

Let's rock everybody, let's rock.

Bb Ab Bb7 Ab7

Every-body in the whole cell block

Eb - D

Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock.

Eb - D

Spider Murphy played the tenor saxophone

Eb - D

Little Joe was blowin' on the slide trombone

Eb - D

The drummer boy from Illinois went crash, boom, bang

Eb

The whole rhythm section was the Purple Gang. **Chorus**

Eb - D

Number Forty Seven said to Number Three

Eb - D

"You're the cutest jailbird I ever did see

Eb - D

I sure would be delighted with your company

Eb

Come on and do the Jailhouse Rock with me". **Chorus**

Optional Instrumental Solo

Ab Eb Bb Ab Eb D

Eb - D
Sad sack was sittin' on a block of stone
Eb - D
Way over in the corner weepin' all alone
Eb - D
The warden said, "hey, buddy, don't you be no square
Eb
If you can't find a partner, use a wooden chair"

Chorus

Ab **Eb** **Ab7** **Eb**
Let's rock everybody, let's rock.
Bb **Ab** **Bb7** **Ab7**
Every-body in the whole cell block
Eb - D
Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock.

Eb - D
Shifty Henry said to Bugs, "For Heaven's sake
Eb - D
No one's lookin' now's our chance to make a break"
- D**b**
Bugsy turned to Shifty and he said, "Nix, Nix
Eb
I want to stick around a while and get my kicks". **Chorus**

Outro

Eb - D
Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock
Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock
Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock
Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock
Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock.

Chorus Option: Play the 4 and 5 as 7ths, the 1 as a major.

Ab7 **Eb**
Let's rock everybody, let's rock.
Bb7 **Ab7**
Every-body in the whole cell block
Eb - D
Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock.