

# Folsom Prison Blues (Johnny Cash, 1953) (C)

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**Picking Intro (C)** (G G G B B G  $\overline{D}b$  C)

**C-Tuning**

A		-----2-2-----
E		3-3-3-----3-----
C		-----3-0-
G		-----

**G-Tuning**

E		-----7-7-----
B		8-8-8-----8-----
G		-----8-5-
D		-----

**Intro** G7 ↓ ↓ ↓ | G7 | C |

C

I hear the train a comin', it's rolling round the bend.

C7

And I ain't seen the sunshine since I don't know when.

F

C | C

I'm stuck in Folsom prison, and time keeps draggin' on.

G7

C

But that train keeps a rollin' on down to San An-tone.

C

When I was just a baby, my mama told me, "Son,

C7

Always be a good boy, don't ever play with guns."

F

C | C

But I shot a man in Reno just to watch him die.

G7

C

When I hear that whistle blowing I hang my head and cry.

## **Optional Instrumental (12 bars)**

C | C | C | C7 | F | F | C | C | G7 | G7 | C | C |

C

I bet there's rich folks eating from a fancy dining car.

C7

They're probably drinkin' coffee and smoking big cigars.

F

C | C

Well I know I had it coming, I know I can't be free,

G7

C

But those people keep a movin', and that's what tortures me.

**Optional Instrumental (12 bars)**

C | C | C | C7 | F | F | C | C | G7 | G7 | C | C |

**C**

Well if they'd free me from his prison, if that railroad train was mine,

**C7**

I bet I'd move it all a little farther down the line.

**F** **C | C**

Far from Folsom prison, that's where I want to stay,

**G7**

**C | G7 | C**

And I'd let that lonesome whistle blow my blues a-way. (**Hold**)

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**C-Tuning**

A		-----7-7-----
E		8-8-8-----8-----
C		-----8-5-
G		-----

**G-Tuning**

E		-----
B		-----5-5-----
G		6-6-6-----6-----
D		-----6-3-

**Intro** C7 ↓ ↓ ↓ | C7 | F |

**F**

I hear the train a comin', it's rolling round the bend.

**F7**

And I ain't seen the sunshine since I don't know when.

**Bb**

**F | F**

I'm stuck in Folsom prison, and time keeps draggin' on.

**C7**

**F**

But that train keeps a rollin' on down to San An-tone.

**F**

When I was just a baby, my mama told me, "Son,

**F7**

Always be a good boy, don't ever play with guns."

**Bb**

**F | F**

But I shot a man in Reno just to watch him die.

**C7**

**F**

When I hear that whistle blowing I hang my head and cry.

## **Optional Instrumental (12 bars)**

**F | F | F | F7 | Bb | Bb | F | F | C7 | C7 | F | F |**

**F**

I bet there's rich folks eating from a fancy dining car.

**F7**

They're probably drinkin' coffee and smoking big cigars.

**Bb**

**F | F**

Well I know I had it coming, I know I can't be free,

**C7**

**F**

But those people keep a movin', and that's what tortures me.

**Optional Instrumental (12 bars)**

F | F | F | F7 | Bb | Bb | F | F | C7 | C7 | F | F |

**F**

Well if they'd free me from his prison, if that railroad train was mine,

**F7**

I bet I'd move it all a little farther down the line.

**Bb**

**F | F**

Far from Folsom prison, that's where I want to stay,

**C7**

**F | C7 | F**

And I'd let that lonesome whistle blow my blues a-way. (**Hold**)

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<b>Picking Intro (G)</b> (D D D F# F# D $\overline{Bb}$ G)	
<b>C-Tuning</b>	<b>G-Tuning</b>
A   -----8-8-----	E   -----
E   10-10-10-----10-----	B   -----7-7-----
C   -----10-7-	G   8-8-8-----8-----
G   -----	D   -----8-5-

**Intro** D7 ↓ ↓ ↓ | D7 | G |

**G**

I hear the train a comin', it's rolling round the bend.

**G7**

And I ain't seen the sunshine since I don't know when.

**C**

**G | G**

I'm stuck in Folsom prison, and time keeps draggin' on.

**D7**

**G**

But that train keeps a rollin' on down to San An-tone.

**G**

When I was just a baby, my mama told me, "Son,

**G7**

Always be a good boy, don't ever play with guns."

**C**

**G | G**

But I shot a man in Reno just to watch him die.

**D7**

**G**

When I hear that whistle blowing I hang my head and cry.

## **Optional Instrumental (12 bars)**

**G | G | G | G7 | C | C | G | G | D7 | D7 | G | G |**

**G**

I bet there's rich folks eating from a fancy dining car.

**G7**

They're probably drinkin' coffee and smoking big cigars.

**C**

**G | G**

Well I know I had it coming, I know I can't be free,

**D7**

**G**

But those people keep a movin', and that's what tortures me.

**Optional Instrumental (12 bars)**

G | G | G | G7 | C | C | G | G | D7 | D7 | G | G |

**G**

Well if they'd free me from his prison, if that railroad train was mine,

**G7**

I bet I'd move it all a little farther down the line.

**C** **G | G**

Far from Folsom prison, that's where I want to stay,

**D7**

**G | D7 | G**

And I'd let that lonesome whistle blow my blues a-way. (**Hold**)