

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

Folsom Prison Blues by Johnny Cash (F @ 111)

Folsom Prison Blues by Johnny Cash (Live at Folsom State Prison, Folsom, CA – Jan. 13, 1968)

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Picking Intro (C) (G G G B B G $\overline{D}b$ C)	
C-Tuning	G-Tuning
A -----2-2-----	E -----7-7-----
E 3-3-3-----3-----	B 8-8-8-----8-----
C -----3-0-	G -----8-5-
G -----	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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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,

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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

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C

G | G

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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

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C **G | G**

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G | D7 | G

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