

# Folsom Prison Blues

by Johnny Cash

Intro: C, C/G with slight bend on G, F

F  
I hear the train a comin'  
It's rollin' 'round the bend  
And I ain't seen the sunshine

Since, I don't know when  
Bb  
I'm stuck in Folsom Prison  
F  
And time keeps draggin' on  
C  
But that train keeps a-rollin'  
F  
On down to San Antone

F  
When I was just a baby  
My Mama told me, son  
Always be a good boy  
Don't ever play with guns  
Bb  
But I shot a man in Reno  
F  
Just to watch him die  
C  
When I hear that whistle blowin'  
C  
I hang my head and cry

Instrumental break: F7 (4 measures), Bb (2 measures), C (2 measures, last beat is C/G before switching to next chord), F

F  
I bet there's rich folks eatin'  
  
In a fancy dining car  
  
They're probably drinkin' coffee  
  
And smokin' big cigars  
Bb  
But I know I had it comin'  
F  
I know I can't be free  
C  
But those people keep a-movin'  
F  
And that's what tortures me

Instrumental break: F7 (4 measures), Bb (2 measures), C (2 measures, last beat is C/G before switching to next chord), F

F  
Well, if they freed me from this prison  
  
If that railroad train was mine  
  
I bet I'd move out over a little  
  
Farther down the line  
Bb  
Far from Folsom Prison  
F  
That's where I want to stay  
C  
And I'd let that lonesome whistle  
F  
Blow my blues away

Ending: C, C/G with slight bend on G, F