

# Hold On (Keep Your Eyes on the Prize)

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Verse 1:

[Am] Paul and Silas bound in jail  
Had no [G] money to go their [Am] bail  
Keep your eyes [G] on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am] on

Verse 2:

[Am] Paul and Silas thought they were lost  
Dungeon [G] shook and the chains fell [Am] off  
Keep your eyes [G] on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am] on

Chorus:

Hold [G] on, hold [Am] on  
Keep your eyes [G] on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am]

Verse 3:

[Am] The only thing that we did was wrong  
Was staying' in the [G] wilderness too [Am] long  
Keep your eyes [G] on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am] on

Verse 4:

[Am] The only thing we did was right  
Was the [G] day we begun to [Am] fight  
Keep your eyes [G] on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am] on

Chorus:

Hold [G] on, hold [Am] on

Keep your eyes [G] on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am] on

Verse 5:

[Am] Freedom's name is mighty sweet  
One day [G] soon we're gonna [Am] meet  
Keep your [G] eyes on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am] on

Verse 6:

[Am] Got my hand on the gospel plow  
Won't take [G] nothing for my journey [Am] now  
Keep your [G] eyes on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am] on

Chorus:

Hold [G] on, hold [Am] on  
Keep your eyes [G] on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am] on

Instrumental verse & chorus:

[Am] The only chain that a man can stand  
Is that [G] chain of hand on [Am] hand  
Keep your [G] eyes on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am] on

Hold [G] on, hold [Am] on  
Keep your eyes [G] on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am] on

Verse 7:

[Am] The only chain that a man can stand  
Is that [G] chain of hand on [Am] hand  
Keep your [G] eyes on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am] on

Verse 8:

[Am] We're gonna board that big Greyhound,  
Carryin' [G] love from town to [Am] town.  
Keep your [G] eyes on the [Am] prize  
[G] Hold [Am] on

Chorus:

Hold [G] on, hold [Am] on

Keep your eyes [G] on the [Am] prize

[G] Hold [Am] on

Verse 9:

[Am] We're gonna ride for civil rights,

We're gonna [G] ride both black and [Am] white.

Keep your [G] eyes on the [Am] prize

[G] Hold [Am] on

Verse 10:

[Am] We've met jail and violence too,

But God's [G] love has seen us [Am] through.

Keep your [G] eyes on the [Am] prize

[G] Hold [Am] on

Chorus:

Hold [G] on, hold [Am] on

Keep your eyes [G] on the [Am] prize

[G] Hold [Am] on

Instrumental tag, last 2 lines Chorus:

[Am] Keep your eyes [G] on the [Am] prize

[G] Hold [Am] on