

Folsom Prison Blues

Bass for Standard Key

Johnny Cash, Gordon Jenkins

Medium Fast [Johnny Cash 1955] ($\text{♩} = 200$)

Intro

B⁷ **B⁷** **E** **E**

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Verse

5 **E** **E** **E** **E**

hear the train a - comin', it's roll - ing 'round the bend_ and

9 **E** **E** **E** **E**

I ain't seen the sun - shine since I don't know when. I'm

13 **A** **A** **A** **A**

stuck in Fol - som pri - son, and time keeps drag - gin' on..

17 **E** **E** **E** **E**

— But that

21 **B⁷** **B⁷** **B⁷** **B⁷** **E** **E**

train keeps a-roll - in' on down to San_ An - tone. When

Outro

27 **E** **B⁷** **B⁷** **E** **E**

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Intro

- Verse 1** I hear the train a-comin', it's rolling 'round the bend,
and I ain't seen the sunshine since I don't know when.
I'm stuck in Folsom prison, and time keeps draggin' on.
But that train keeps a-rollin' on down to San Antone.
- Verse 2** When I was just a baby, my mama told me, "Son,
always be a good boy, don't ever play with guns."
But I shot a man in Reno just to watch him die.
When I hear that whistle blowin', I hang my head and cry.
- Verse 3** I bet there's rich folks eatin' in a fancy dining car.
They're prob'ly drinkin' coffee and smoking big cigars.
Well, I know I had it comin', I know I can't be free.
But those people keep a-movin' and that's what tortures me.
- Verse 4** Well, if they freed me from this prison, if that railroad train was mine,
I bet I'd move it on a little farther down the line,
far from Folsom prison, that's where I want to stay.
And I'd let that lonesome whistle blow my blues away.

Outro