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Johnny Cash 1953

# FOLSOM PRISON BLUES

Single, MUTED, QUICK-UP-down ^v

C\ Up-down C\ Up-down C\ Up-down tap-tap-tap C\ Up-down tap-tap-tap C\ Up-down tap-tap-tap C\ Up-down  
1 2 3 4 \_ \_ \_ I hear that train a com in' it's roll in' 'round the bend \_ and  
C\ Up-down tap-tap-tap C\ Up-down tap-tap-tap C7\ Up-down tap-tap-tap C7\ Up-down tap-tap-tap F down-ups  
I ain't seen the sun shine since \_ I don't know when \_ I'm stuck in Fol som  
F down-ups F7 down-ups F7 down-ups C\ ^v C\ ^v C\ ^v C\ ^v  
Pri son \_ \_ and time keeps \_ drag in' \_ on tap-tap-tap \_ tap-tap-tap \_ tap-tap-tap \_ tap but that  
G7 down-ups G7 down-ups G down-ups G down-ups C\ Up-down tap-tap-tap C\ Up-down  
Train \_ keeps a roll in' \_ \_ on down to San \_ An \_ tone \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ when

C\ Up-down ^v ^v ^v  
I was just a ba by \_ my ma ma told me son \_ \_ \_  
C\ ^v ^v C7\ ^v ^v  
Al ways be a good boy \_ don't ev er play with guns \_ but I  
F down-ups F down-ups F7 down-ups F7 down-ups C\ ^v ^v ^v ^v  
Shot a man in Re no \_ \_ \_ just to watch him \_ die tap-tap-tap \_ tap-tap-tap \_ tap-tap-tap \_ \_ when I  
G7 down-ups G7 down-ups G down-ups G down-ups C\ ^v ^v ^v ^v  
Hear that whis tle blow in' \_ \_ \_ I hang my head \_ and \_ cry \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ well I

C\ Up-down ^v ^v ^v  
Bet there's rich folks eat in' in a fan cy dine in' car \_ \_ they're  
C ^v ^v C7\ ^v ^v F down-ups  
Prob 'ly drin kin' cof fee and \_ smo kin' big ci gars \_ well I knew I had it  
F down-ups F7 down-ups F7 down-ups C ^v ^v ^v ^v G7 down-ups  
Com in' \_ \_ \_ I know I can't \_ be \_ free \_ \_ 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 \_ but those peo ple keep a  
G7 down-ups G down-ups G down-ups C\ Up-down ^v vv ^v ^v  
Mo vin' 3 4 \_ and that's what tor \_ tures \_ me \_ \_ 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 \_ \_ if they

C down-ups x 4 C down-ups x 4 C down-ups x 4 C down-ups x 4  
Freed me from this pri son if that rail road train was mine \_ \_ I  
C down-ups x 4 C down-ups x 4 C7 down-ups x 4 C7 down-ups x 4  
Bet I'd move it on a lit tle far ther down the line 2 3 4  
F down-ups F down-ups F7 down-ups F7 down-ups C down-ups C down-ups C down-ups C down-ups  
Far from Fol som Pri son \_ \_ \_ that's where I want to \_ stay \_ \_ 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 \_ and I'd  
G7 down-ups G7 down-ups G down-ups G down-ups C down-ups C down-ups C down-ups C1  
Let that lone some whis tle \_ \_ blow \_ my \_ blues \_ a \_ way \_ \_ 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1