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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-downs ^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-downs ^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

ALL Down-Ups

C C C C
Freed me from this pri son if that rail road train was mine _ _ I
C C C7 C7
Bet I'd move it on a lit tle far ther down the line 2 3 4
F F F7 F7 C C C C
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 G7 G G C C C C C1
Let that lone some whis tle _ _ blow _ my _ blues _ a _ way _ _ 1 2 3 4 1 2 3 4 1