Johnny Cash - Folsom Prison Blues

(Album: Johnny Cash with His Hot and Blue Guitar! (1955))

[Intro RIFF (see TAB below)]

E

I hear the train a-comin'; it's rollin' 'round the bend, E7

And I ain't seen the sunshine since I don't know when, **A7**

I'm stuck at Folsom Prison and time keeps draggin' on.

B7

But that train keeps a-rollin' on down to San Antone.

When I was just a baby, my momma 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 & cry. [SOLO]

I bet there's rich folk eatin', in a fancy dining car.
They're prob'ly drinkin' coffee and smokin' big cigars,
But I know I had it comin', I know I can't be free,
But those people keep a-movin', & that's what tortures me.

If they freed me from this prison, if that railroad train was mine, I bet I'd move it all 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.

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TABLATURE: RIFF [INTRO and END]
e | ----- |
B | ----- |
G | -----
D | ----- |
A | -2-2-2-----|
E | ----3b4b3-0-|
[SOLO]
e | -----9p7-10-7----7-9p7-9b10b9--|
B|-8h9-----|
G | ----- | x2
D | ----- |
A | -----
E | ----- |
e|-7-6-5----5----5----5----5---9-5----12-11-12-11-|
G|----6-6----6-6----|
D|-----|
A | ------|
E | ------
e | ------ |
B|-----|
G | ----- |
A|-----0h2-----|
E | -0-----0-4-------|
e | ------ |
B|----
G|-----|
D|----1--1--1--1
A \mid -2 - (B7) --- (B7) --- (B7) --- (B7) -0h2 -2 --- 2 --- 1 --- 0 --- --- |
El----2---2b3b2-0-1
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