

Folsom Prison Blues – Johnny Cash

Intro: Small riff over B7 and E

Capo. fret 2

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A
B

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Lyrics:

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..

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 blowing, I hang my head and cry...

I bet there's rich folks eating in a fancy dining car
They're probably drinkin' coffee and smoking big cigars.
Well I know I had it coming, I know I can't be free
But those people keep a movin'
And that's what tortures me...

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.....

For the original key you have to put the capo on the 2nd fret...

Intro:

You have to play the small riff, see tabs above, not very hard...

Song chords:

Based upon a 12a/bar blues structure (always the same cycle):

E / E / E / E7

A / A / E / E

B7 / A / E / E

Strumming:

d/x d/u d/u d/u (basic one)

If you want to really play the song as it is, you will have to alternate the bass on the top 2 strings...it's easy to do but requires a little bit of practice to get a good coordination.

PRACTICE IT VERY SLOW (as usual)

Good luck,
Patrice