Come on, the warden threw a party in the county jail The prison band was there and they began to wail The band was jumpin' and the joint began to swing You should've heard those knocked out jailbirds sing

Let's rock, everybody let's rock Everybody in the whole cell block They were dancin' to the jailhouse rock

Spider Murphy played the tenor saxophone And Little Joe was blowin' on the slide trombone The drummer boy from Illinois went crash, boom, bang The whole rhythm section was the Purple Gang

Let's rock, everybody let's rock Everybody in the whole cell block They were dancin' to the jailhouse rock

Number forty seven said to number three "You're the cutest jailbird I ever did see I sure would be delighted with your company Come on and do the jailhouse rock with me"

Let's rock, everybody let's rock Everybody in the whole cell block They were dancin' to the jailhouse rock

The sad sack was a sittin' on a block of stone
Way over in the corner weepin' all alone
The warden said, "Hey, buddy don't you be no square
If you can't find a partner use a wooden chair"

Let's rock, everybody let's rock Everybody in the whole cell block They were dancin' to the jailhouse rock

Shifty Henry said to Bugs, "For Heaven's sake No one's lookin' now's our chance to make a break" Bugsy turned to Shifty and he said, "Nix, nix I wanna stick around a while and get my kicks"

Let's rock, everybody let's rock
Everybody in the whole cell block
They were dancin' to the jailhouse rock
Dancin' to the jailhouse rock, dancin' to the jailhouse rock
Rock, everybody, rock

Everybody in the whole cell block
They were dancin' to the jailhouse rock
Everybody now rock, rock, everybody now rock
Dancin' to the jailhouse rock, everybody rock 'n' roll
Dancin' to the jailhouse, the jailhouse rock