

## Percy's Song

Arlo Guthrie

Bad news, bad news, come to me where I sleep  
Turn, turn, turn again  
Sayin' one of my friends is in trouble deep  
Turn, turn, to the wind and the rain

Tell me the trouble, tell me once to my ears  
Turn, turn, turn again  
Joliet prison for ninety-nine years  
Turn, turn, to the wind and the rain

A crash on the highway  
threw a car into a field  
Turn, turn, turn again  
There were four people killed  
And he was at the wheel  
Turn, turn, to the wind and the rain

But I knew him as well  
As I know my own self  
Turn, turn, turn again  
And he wouldn't harm a life  
That belonged to someone else  
Turn, turn, to the wind and the rain

That may be so said the judge  
From the side of his mouth  
Turn, turn, turn again  
But the witness who saw it  
He left little doubt  
Turn, turn, to the wind and the rain

He may, he may have  
A sentence to server  
Turn, turn, turn again  
But ninety-nine years  
He just does not deserve  
Turn, turn, to the wind and the rain

Too late, too late, for his case it is sealed  
Turn, turn, turn again  
A sentence, it is passed  
And it can not be repealed  
Turn, turn, to the wind and the rain

But he ain't no criminal  
And his crime it is none  
Turn, turn, turn again  
And what happened to him  
Could have happened to anyone  
Turn, turn, to the wind and the rain

At that the judge jumped forward  
And his face it did freeze  
Turn, turn, turn again  
Sayin' would you kindly leave  
My office now please  
Turn, turn, to the wind and the rain

I squinted my eyes and I stood up slow  
Turn, turn, turn again  
With no other choice except for me to go  
Turn, turn, to the wind and the rain

I walked down the hall  
And I heard his door slam  
Turn, turn, turn again  
I walked down the stairs  
But I did not understand  
Turn, turn, to the wind and the rain

And I played my guitar  
Through the night and through the day  
Turn, turn, turn again  
But the only tune  
That my guitar would play was oh how cruel  
The Wind and the rain