They pick me out and put me in the county jail
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They wouldn't even let my woman come and go my bail

Now I'm in prison, but I've almost did my time
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They give me six months, but I had to work out nine

'Cause I know my baby - she's gonna jump and shout I know my baby - she's gonna jump and shout When that train roll up and I come walking out

Now play 'em, Mister Tampa

So take these stripes from around me, chains from around my nec \boldsymbol{k}

These stripes from around me, and these chains from around my neck

Well, these stripes don't hurt me, but these chains oughta give me death