Oh Lord I am saved
Judge says I am fit to swing
'Bout time I have prayed
My woman just might wear my ring

Oh you know I'm no good You know I'm no good At court ordered goodbyes

But when I'm gone you'll see, I'll be a better man yet For the dispossession, take it back in to your arms
Better keep me close to your heart
You better keep me close to your heart

The defiant had me cornered in a store And it let me walk out the front door At the scene of the crime

Hang 'em high, keep your thoughts breached Let 'em swing, make 'em swing till it hurts And if you still believe that men guilty of love can't survive Then hang 'em high or not at all

Oh no, oh no, oh no
Oh you know it gets hard
It just gets so hard going limp in your arms

I'm approaching a smoking gun
There's no chance of me walking out of here alive
This is all very literal
I can't bring myself around to write an excuse this time

We're liberated by the hearts that are prisoners We're taken hostage by the ones that we break Throw the book, throw the book
Throw the book, throw the book

You had me strung up by the tail And you put me back

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Where did you get the privilege to pardon me?