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Poppa writes to Johnny, but Johnny can't come home Johnny can't come home, no, Johnny can't come home Poppa writes to Johnny, but Johnny can't come home 'Cause he's been on the chain gang too long.

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High sheriff and police riding after me, Riding after me, yes, coming after me. High sheriff and police coming after me, And I fee like I gotta travel on.

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Want to see my honey, want to see her bad. Want to see her bad, oh, want to see her bad. Want to see my honey, want to see her bad, She's the best girl, this poor boy ever had.

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