

## Prisoners

John Denver

Josie works the counter at the downtown five and dime  
Anything at all to help her pass the time  
Her mama keeps the baby and grandpa rambles on  
About the good times playing in his mind

It's a hard life livin' when you're lonely  
It's a long night sleepin' alone  
It's a hard time waitin' for tomorrow  
It's a long, long way home

Josie spends the evening with the people "on" the pages  
Of the paperback she picked up "at" the store  
Or sometimes it's the TV or she'll try to write a letter  
But they don't come too often anymore

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It's a long, long way home

I stare at the gray walls before me  
And I see her face in the stone  
I try to imagine our baby  
I wish they would let me go home  
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I wish they would let me go home

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It's a long night sleepin' alone  
I wish they would let me go home  
It's a hard time waitin' for tomorrow  
I wish they would let me go home  
It's a long, long way home  
I wish they would let me go home  
It's a long, long way home  
I wish they would let me go home  
Bring me and the other boys home  
I wish they would let me go home  
Bring me and the other boys home