

Austin Prison

Johnny Cash

They had a warrant out for me all over country
and I was trying to beat two raps in Idaho,
I was breaking into a school house sunday morning without warni
ng
when I saw the sheriff coming for me slow from down below

His steel grey eyes were blazing when he saw me
His hand was on his gun when he rode up
He said: You killed that woman I know you shot her why'd you do
it?
I'm taking you to Austin and I'm gonna lock you up

Well he tied me with the plowline the next morning
and he had me deep in Texas the next day
A crazy screaming lynchmob waited in streets of Austin
but he put me in the jailhouse and he threw the key away

A jury found me guilty three months later
Wild evil men with murder in their eyes
They even took me out and said now show us where you killed her
and that wicked judge said now I hereby sentence you to die
But here I am far away from Austin prison my friend the jailor
handed me a file
Now all I want between me and there are a lot of friendly peopl
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and miles and miles and miles and miles and miles and miles and
miles