

# Please Don't Let Me Out

Johnny Cash

I've been in jail eleven years and parole has just come through  
The gates will soon swing open wide but I'm not going through  
Jail's the only home I know or care to know about  
Please let me stay where I belong, please don't let me out

How could I tell those friends of mine they've seen the last of  
me?

Can't I make you understand I never can be free?

'Cause that's a big unfriendly world and I don't know the route  
That leads to where I may belong, please don't let me out

I had to learn to get along without a lot of things  
And I had to learn to live with the loneliness confinement brings

And I learnt to take no mail from home or whatever came about  
Now I'm dug in and I'm happy here, please don't let me out

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me?

Can't I make you understand I never can be free?

'Cause that's a big unfriendly world and I don't know the route  
That leads to where I may belong, please don't let me out

Yes, that's a big unfriendly world and I don't know the route  
That leads to where I may belong, please don't let me out