Jailhouse Fire

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Did you see that lady there They stripped her to her underwear She took it one step further and stripped to bare

Through the rising flames And smoke she laughed as all the police choked And then she danced in the government pyre

The jailhouse is on fire The jailhouse is on fire

She grabbed a guard and stole his keys unlocked the cells And set us free and we ran and caught our pants On the old barbed wire

We hit the dirt, we hit the road we jumped the fence We kissed a toad and we hollared at the ladies In the churchyard choir

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I hopped a train and headed west free woman Now just like the rest all the hobos on the line called me a li ar

The train it choked and spewed and spat and coal smoke billowed thick And black and she was everywhere and rising higher

She set the jailhouse on fire She set the jailhouse on fire She set the jailhouse on fire