The prison band was there and they began to wail The band was jumpin' and the joint began to swing You should've heard those knocked out jailbirds sing

Let's rock, everybody, let's rock Everybody in the whole cell block Was dancin' to the jailhouse rock

Spider Murphy played the tenor saxophone Little Joe was blowin' on the slide trombone The drummer boy from Illinois went crash, boom, bang The whole rhythm section was the purple gang

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Number forty seven said to number three You're the cutest jailbird I ever did see I sure would be delighted with your company Come on and do the jailhouse rock with me

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The sad sack was a sittin' on a block of stone
Way over in the corner, weepin' all alone
The warden said, hey, buddy, don't you be no square
If you can't find a partner use a wooden chair

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Shifty Henry said to bugs, for heavens sake
No ones lookin', nows our chance to make a break
Bugsy turned to shifty and he said, nix, nix
I wanna stick around a while and get my kicks

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