Well, I'm goin' to a place where the tough guys go and come out even tougher.

A place where a man don't show his feelings, a place where a man don't cry.

Well, they say I'm bein' punished and they say I can be reformed but some day I'll return.

Did they really think that this time it'd work, you knew all along it wouldn't.

Oh, I'm prison bound
I did a crime one too many times.
It's on the outskirts of town by the railroad tracks where the country moon shines.

Oh, I'm prison bound tell my girl I'll be back one day. Oh, I'm prison bound I may never know any other way.

Well, they've taken away my freedom of expression or action Johnny says I'll walk the line with three hots and a cot and a lot of talk with lock-up concrete and steel.

Well, It's cold and It's clammy man it's colder than a pimp's heart but I gotta do my time.

There's a lesson to be learned here but what a price to pay you know, I may never learn