

Prison Trilogy(Billy Rose)-crd
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G G
Billy Rose was a low rider, Billy Rose was a night fighter
C G D

Billy Rose knew trouble like the sound of his own name

D
Busted on a drunken charge

D
Driving someone else's car

D G
The local midnight sheriff's claim to fame

G G
In an Arizona jail there are some who tell the tale, how
C G D

Billy fought the sergeant for some milk that he demanded

D
Knowing they'd remain the boss

D
Knowing he would pay the cost

D G
They saw he was severely reprimanded

Em D
In the blackest cell on A Block

Em D
He hanged himself at dawn

Em D
With a note stuck to the bunk head

Am D
Don't mess with me, just take me home

Em D
Come and lay, help us lay

G
young Billy down

G G
Luna was a Mexican the law calls an alien

C G D
For coming across the border with a baby and a wife

D
Though the clothes upon his back were wet

D
Still he thought that he could get

D G
Some money and things to start a life

G G
It hadn't been too very long when it seemed like everything went wrong

C G D
They didn't even have the time to find themselves a home

D
This foreigner, a brown-skin male

D
Thrown inside a Texas jail

D G
It left the wife and baby quite alone

Em D
He eased the pain inside him

Em D
With a needle in his arm

Em D
But the dope just crucified him

Am D
He died to no one's great alarm

Em D
Come and lay, help us lay

G
Young Luna down

Em D
And we're gonna raze, raze the prisons

G
To the ground

G G C
Kilowatt was an aging con of 65 who stood a chance to stay alive

G D
And leave the joint and walk the streets again

D
As the time he was to leave drew near

D
He suffered all the joy and fear

D G
Of leaving 35 years in the pen

G G
And on the day of his release he was approached by the police

C G D
Who took him to the warden walking slowly by his side

D
The warden said "You won't remain here

D
But it seems a state retainer

D G
Claims another 10 years of your life."

Em D
He stepped out in the Texas sunlight

Em D
The cops all stood around

Em D
Old Kilowatt ran 50 yards

Am D
Then threw himself down on the ground

Em D
They might as well just have laid

G
The old man down

Em D
And we're gonna raze, raze the prisons

G
To the ground

Em D
Help us raze, raze the prisons

G
To the ground