

BACK IN DURHAM JAIL  
Dubliners version.

Intro

G-G-D-D    G-G-D-D    G-G-D-D    G-D-G-G  
C-G-D-G    C-G-D-G    C-G-D-G    C-G-D-G

I'm a (G)poor man as (D)honest as they come  
I (G)never was a thief until they (D)caught me,?  
The (G)judge said he (D)swore me hands were red,  
No (G)matter how I (D)pled they found me (G)guilty,?  
There was (D)no bail, I'm (G)off to Durham Jail,  
I'm (D)going and nothing now can (G)save me,?  
Ca(D)lamities they (G)always come in threes,  
And that's how many (D)months it was they (G)gave me.

Chorus

And (C)it's no (G)never in the (D)livelong (G)day,?  
(C)Will you (G)find me back in (D)Durham (G)Jail.?  
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G-G-D-D    G-D-G-G

'Twas a (G)gray day when (D)first I went astray,  
The (G)devil take the man who came to (D)tempt me,?  
For in (G)no time me (D)life was one of crime,  
And (G)now you see the (D)trouble that its (G)got me.?  
There are (D)four bare (G)walls at which stare,  
Me (D)food and me lodgings they are (G)paid for,?  
You (D)can't see the (G)turning of the key,  
To hear the turning (D)that is all you (G)wait for.

Chorus

Instrumental verse + chorus

Oh it's (G)sad to say that (D)here I to stay,  
With (G)only iron bars around to (D)lean on,?  
I get a (G)cold bath to (D)dampen down me wrath,  
Though it's (G)barely just a (D)month ago I (G)got one,?  
(D)God knows I (G)need a suit of clothes,  
You'd (D)think they could have found a one to (G)fit me?  
Me (D)boots would be fine if (G)they were both a nine,  
I'm walking like a (D)fall of stones had (G)hit me

Chorus

G-G-D-D    G-D-G-G

And I'm (G)sure that me (D)mother's heart would break,  
To (G)see me in a state of such re(D)pentance,?  
I'm (G)glad she's (D)not around to see,  
And I'll be (G)out before she (D)finishes her(G)sentence,?  
The (D)sun will shine, I'll (G)leave it all behind,  
Know(D)ing I've done me time and done me (G)duty,?  
Then (D)out of the gate on the (G)narrow and the straight,  
To the place where I've (D)buried all the (G)booty.

Chorus

Instrumental verse + chorus