

Folsom Prison Blues

Johnny Cash

Key: E • Time: 4/4

INTRO

[E] [E] [E] [E]

VERSE 1

[E] I hear the train a comin', it's rollin' round the bend
And I ain't seen the sunshine since I [A] don't know when
I'm stuck in Folsom [E] Prison, and time keeps draggin' on
[B7] But that train keeps a-rollin' on down to San Ant [E] one

VERSE 2

[E] When I was just a baby, my mama told me, "Son,
Always be a good boy, don't you [A] ever play with guns."
But I shot a man in [E] Reno, just to watch him die
[B7] When I hear that whistle blowin', I hang my head and [E] cry

VERSE 3

[E] I bet there's rich folks eatin' in a fancy dining car
They're probably drinkin' coffee and [A] smokin' big cigars
Well I know I had it [E] comin', I know I can't be free
[B7] But those people keep a-movin', and that's what tortures [E] me

VERSE 4

[E] Well, if they freed me from this prison, if that railroad train was mine
I bet I'd move it on a little [A] farther down the line
Far from Folsom [E] Prison, that's where I want to stay
[B7] And I'd let that lonesome whistle blow my blues a [E] way

OUTRO

[E] [E] [E] [E]

Ukulele Tips: Chords: [E] 1402, [A] 2100, [B7] 2322.

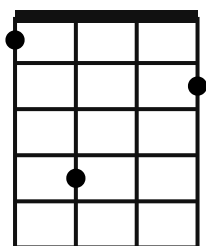
Strum pattern: Down-down-up, down-down-up — steady and driving.

If the E chord feels awkward, capo 2 and play in **D** (D-G-A7).

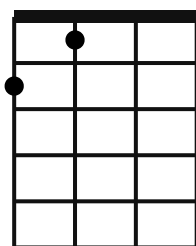
Accent beats 2 and 4 for that train-chug rhythm.

Bonus move: mute the strings lightly after each downstroke for Cash's classic "boom-chicka-boom" groove.

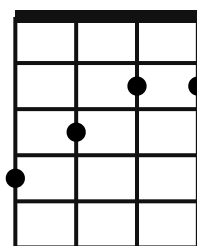
CHORD DIAGRAMS



E



A



B7