

# He's in the Jailhouse Now

Memphis Jug Band (1930)

I remember last election Jim Jones got in the action  
Said he's voting for the man who paid the biggest price  
The next day at the poll he voted with heart and soul  
But instead of voting once he voted twice

He's in the jailhouse now  
He's in the jailhouse now  
Instead of him staying at home letting those white folks' business alone  
He's in the jailhouse now

You remember Henry Cruise that sold that no good booze  
He sold it to the police on the beat  
Now Henry's feeling funny, the police gave him marked money  
He's got a ball and chain around his feet

He's in the jailhouse now  
He's in the jailhouse now  
The judge gave him two years and Henry's shedding tears  
He's in the jailhouse now

Son was walking down the street, a little chick he chanced to meet  
Went to every cabaret in town  
He bought lots of liquor, troubles got thicker  
Now Son is jailhouse bound

He's in the jailhouse now  
He's in the jailhouse now  
If he's got a political friend, judge the sentence he will suspend  
He's in the jailhouse now

Jim Johnson liked to roam around, flirt with every gal in town  
Until he flirted with Benny's wife  
Benny cut him in the face, nah, it's a disgrace  
But now he's graveyard bound

He's in the jailhouse now  
He's in the jailhouse now  
Benny was his friend, instead of letting that matter end  
He's in the jailhouse now

verse:

C, C  
C, G  
G, G  
D7, G7

chorus:

C, C  
F, F  
G, G  
G, C