

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