Rotting On Remand Billy Bragg

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            Rotting On Remand
             (Billy Bragg)
[tab]C
I stood before the judge that day[/tab]
[tab] F
As he refused my bail[/tab]
And I knew that I would spend my time
[tab]
Awaiting trial in jail[/tab]
[tab] C
I said there is no justice[/tab]
[tab] F
As they led me out of the door[/tab]
[tab]
And the judge said, "This isn t a court of justice son[/tab]
This is a court of law".[/tab]
[tab]C
They first sent me to Windsor[/tab]
[tab]
      F
And then to Stoke on Trent[/tab]
In a holding cell in Liverpool
[tab]
Three days and nights I spent[/tab]
[tab]
My solicitor can t find me[/tab]
           F
And my family don t know[/tab]
I keep telling them that I m innocent[/tab]
                                          C7
They just say, "Come on son, in you go."[/tab]
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                                  C
           F
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I was picked up on suspicion of something I haven t done[/tab]
         B/C A/C G/C
[tab]C
Here I sit in F wing waiting for my trial to come[/tab]
               F
It s a cruel unusual punishment that society demands[/tab]
Innocent till proven guilty, rotting on remand[/tab]
F C G C A7
[tab]
       D
I ended up in this jail[/tab]
[tab] G D
Built in 18-82[/tab]
When one man to one prison cell
Was a Victorian value[/tab]
[tab] D
Now three of us are squeezed in here[/tab]
             G
And you can t escape the smell[/tab]
[tab] G
Of that bucket in the corner[/tab]
[tab]
And we eat in here as well[/tab]
They let me out of this cage
[tab] G
To slop that bucket out[/tab]
To get my food and bring it back
[tab]
And if I m lucky, get a shower[/tab]
[tab] D
Apart from one hours exercise[/tab]
[tab] G
I m locked in here all day[/tab]
You don t turn criminals into citizens[/tab]
By treating them this way[/tab]
[tab]
                                        D
Is the prize of law and order the stench of Wormwood Scrubs[/tab]
[tab] D C\#/D B/D A/D
With judges quick to sentence sending more down from above[/tab]
It s a cruel unusual punishment that society demands[/tab]
Innocent till proven guilty, rotting on remand    G    D    A    D ...[/tab]
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