

Rotting On Remand

Billy Bragg

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(Billy Bragg)

[tab]C  
I stood before the judge that day[/tab]  
[tab] F C  
As he refused my bail[/tab]  
  
And I knew that I would spend my time  
[tab] G  
Awaiting trial in jail[/tab]  
[tab] C  
I said there is no justice[/tab]  
[tab] F C  
As they led me out of the door[/tab]  
[tab] F C  
And the judge said, "This isn t a court of justice son[/tab]  
[tab] G C  
This is a court of law".[/tab]  
  
[tab]C  
They first sent me to Windsor[/tab]  
[tab] F C  
And then to Stoke on Trent[/tab]  
  
In a holding cell in Liverpool  
[tab] G  
Three days and nights I spent[/tab]  
[tab] C  
My solicitor can t find me[/tab]  
[tab] F C  
And my family don t know[/tab]  
[tab] F C  
I keep telling them that I m innocent[/tab]  
[tab] G C C7  
They just say, "Come on son, in you go."[/tab]  
  
[tab] F C

I was picked up on suspicion of something I haven t done[/tab]

[tab]C B/C A/C G/C G

Here I sit in F wing waiting for my trial to come[/tab]

[tab] F C F

It s a cruel unusual punishment that society demands[/tab]

[tab] C G C

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

[tab] A

Was a Victorian value[/tab]

[tab] D

Now three of us are squeezed in here[/tab]

[tab] G D

And you can t escape the smell[/tab]

[tab] G D

Of that bucket in the corner[/tab]

[tab] A D

And we eat in here as well[/tab]

They let me out of this cage

[tab] G D

To slop that bucket out[/tab]

To get my food and bring it back

[tab] A

And if I m lucky, get a shower[/tab]

[tab] D

Apart from one hours exercise[/tab]

[tab] G D

I m locked in here all day[/tab]

[tab] G D

You don t turn criminals into citizens[/tab]

[tab] A D D7

By treating them this way[/tab]

[tab] G D

Is the prize of law and order the stench of Wormwood Scrubs[/tab]

[tab] D C#/D B/D A/D A

With judges quick to sentence sending more down from above[/tab]

[tab] G D G

It s a cruel unusual punishment that society demands[/tab]

[tab] D A D

Innocent till proven guilty, rotting on remand G D A D ...[/tab]

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