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Intro: **Am C G Am** x2

- Am** **C**  
(VI) Four little girls tying their sash  
**G** **Am**  
In the basement room that day  
**Am** **C**  
Poking fun and making jokes  
**G** **Am**  
Before getting on their knees to pray
- (VII) Just so young with all their dreams  
and years to the end  
Strewn away in the rubble  
By the hatred of scared white men
- (VIII) It was early December  
in the year of 63  
George Wallace defied  
what the courts they did decree
- (VIV) They said make your school doors open  
for the child of black and white  
Wallace clenched up both his fists  
and called out for a fight
- Am** **C**  
(Chor) Down in the Birmingham jail  
**Am** **C**  
Down in the Birmingham jail  
**Am** **C**  
You had a chance to live your life  
**G**  
But now your locked...  
**Am**  
In the Birmingham jail

(VV) When the locals heard the news that day  
Their blood began to boil  
They decided the only good colored man  
Was down beneath the soil

(VVI) So with their hat and money  
They began to conspire  
And soon in Birmingham the air was thick  
With Powder and Fire

Chorus