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Intro: **Bbm C# G# Bbm** x2

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      Bbm                 C#
 (VI) Four little girls tying their sash
             G#                  Bbm
      In the basement room that day
      Bbm             C#
      Poking fun and making jokes
                     G#                 Bbm
      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

       Bbm                 C#
(Chor) Down in the Birmingham jail
       Bbm                 C#
       Down in the Birmingham jail
       Bbm                   C#
       You had a chance to live your life
           G#
       But now your locked...
                         Bbm
       In the Birmingham jail
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(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