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Intro: Bm D A Bm x2

Bm I

(VI) Four little girls tying their sash

A Bm

In the basement room that day

Bm D

Poking fun and making jokes

A Bm

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

Bm D

(Chor) Down in the Birmingham jail

3m I

Down in the Birmingham jail

Bm D

You had a chance to live your life

Α

But now your locked...

Bm

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