

Have Mercy On The Criminals
Elton John

[Intro]

Dm

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B|-----1--3-----3--1-----|
G|-----2-----2â€-1--0-----|
D|-----0-----|
A|-----3h-----|
E|-----|
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[Verse 1]

Am **Esus4** **E**
Have you heard the dogs at night

Am **Dm**
Somewhere on the hill

Dm7 **Am**
Chasing some poor criminal

Esus4 **E**
And I guess they re out to kill

Am **Esus4** **E**
Oh there must be shackles on his feet

Am **Dm**
And mother in his eyes

Dm7 **Am**
Stumbling through the devil-dark

Esus4 **E**
With the hound pack in full cry

[Chorus]

F **G**
Have mercy on the criminal

Am **Am/G**
Who is running from the law

F **G**
Are you blind to the winds of change

Am **Am/G**
Don t you hear him any more

F **F/E**
Praying Lord you got to help me

Dm
I ain t ever gonna sin again

Am **G** **D7**
Just take these chains from around my legs

F **E** **Am**
Sweet Jesus I ll be your friend

[Verse 2]

Am **Esus4** **E**

Now have you ever seen the white teeth gleam

Am

Dm

While you lie on a cold damp ground

Dm7

Am

You re taking in the face of a rifle butt

Esus4 E

While the wardens hold you down

Am

Esus4

E

And you ve never seen a friend in years

Am

Dm

Oh it turns your heart to stone

Dm7

Am

You jump the walls and the dogs run free

Esus4 E

And the grave s gonna be your home

[Chorus] (x2)

F

G

Ooh, Have mercy on the criminal

Am

Am/G

Who is running from the law

F

G

Are you blind to the winds of change

Am

Am/G

Don t you hear him any more

F

F/E

Praying Lord you got to help me

Dm

I ain t ever gonna sin again

Am

G

D7

Just take these chains from around my legs

F

E

Am

Sweet Jesus I ll be your friend