

Have Mercy On The Criminals
Elton John

[Intro]

Dm
e|-----1-----|
B|-----1--3-----3--1-----|
G|-----2-----2â€-1--0-----|
D|-----0-----|
A|-----3h-----|
E|-----|

[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