

## Cell Song

### Fairport Convention

Song: Cell Song (Swarbrick)

Album: Babbacombe Lee (1971)

Artist: Fairport Convention

**C#** **F#**  
There s a tiny little window and the sun comes shining through  
**C#** **F#** **Ebm**  
Dancing with the dust that s in my cell  
**C#** **F#**  
There s a sparrow sitting on the sill and he stays for a minute or two  
**C#** **F#** **G#**  
But he s frightened by the ringing of the bell  
  
**C#** **F#**  
There s a bed that I must lie on when at night I take my rest  
**C#** **F#** **G#**  
And a chair for me to sit on through the day  
**C#** **F#**  
The men who wait beside me always know what s best  
**C#** **F#** **G#**  
For a man who doesn t have too much to say  
  
**C#** **F#** **G#**  
Throw a laugh into the corner, blow a tear against the wall  
**C#** **F#**  
Learn a game to play, improve the mind  
**C#** **F#**  
Confess your sins, you sinner, and think how the seconds fall  
**C#** **F#** **G#**  
Leave all earthly cares and woes behind  
  
**C#** **F#** **Ebm**  
And when my short affair with life is ended and I m gone  
**C#** **F#**  
Will you tell the world the story of John Lee?  
**C#** **F#**  
All you see is nothing and yet everything lives on  
**C#** **F#** **G#**  
I was born to pay the hangman s fee