

**Nobody Knows But Me**  
**Jimmie Rodgers**

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VERSE 1:

**C** **A7**  
Nobody knows bout the jailhouse blues,  
**D7** **G7** **C**  
Till you get within four walls,

**C** **A7**  
And the old jailer man turns that big black key,  
**D7** **G7**  
That s when your spirit falls.

**C** **C7**  
Then you drag yourself up to the bars  
**F** **G7** **C**  
and while you gaze out at the stars  
**G7** **D7** **G**  
this is what you say...

CHORUS:

**C** **A7**  
Why did I stray from the righteous path,  
**D7** **G7** **C**  
Nobody knows but me,

**C** **A7**  
There on the outside you all can laugh,  
**D7** **G7**  
I don t need your sympathy.

**C** **C7**  
For after I ve paid for the liquor I sold,  
**F** **G7** **C**  
I ll leave this place worth my weight in gold.

**A7** **D7**  
So why did I stray from the righteous path,  
**G7** **C**  
Nobody knows but me.

**C** **G7** **C**  
Nobody knows but me.

VERSE 2:

**C** **A7**

When you realize that you re all alone,

**D7**                    **G7**            **C**

Sitting in a two by four

**C**    **A7**

that little cell is just a taste of hell,

**D7**    **G7**

If you ain t been there before.

**C**

**C7**

You are locked up tight, but they treat you fair.

**F**

**G7**

**C**

You get ev rything that you need in there

**G7**                    **D7**            **G**

that s just why you say...

CHORUS:

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Why did I stray from the righteous path,

**D7**            **G7**                    **C**

Nobody knows but me,

**C**    **A7**

There on the outside you all can laugh,

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I don t need your sympathy.

**C**

**C7**

For after I ve paid for the liquor I sold,

**F**

**G7**

**C**

I ll leave this place worth my weight in gold.

**A7**    **D7**

So why did I stray from the righteous path,

**G7**    **C**

Nobody knows but me.

**C**                    **G7**    **C**

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