

Please Don't Let Me Out  
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(intro) C G G D G

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I ve been in jail eleven years and parole has just come through,

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the gates will soon swing open wide but I m not going through.

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Jail s the only home I know or care to know about,

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G7

please let me stay where I belong, please don t let me out.!

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How could I tell those friends of mine they ve seen the last of me,

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can t I make you understand I never can be free ?

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Cause that s a big unfriendly world and I don t know the route

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that leads to where I may belong, please don t let me out!

( C G G D G )

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I had to learn to get along without a lot of things,

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and I had to learn to live with the loneliness confinement brings.

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And I learnt to take no mail from home or whatever came about,

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G7

now I m dug in and I m happy here, please don t let me out!

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How could I tell those friends of mine they ve seen the last of me,

D

can t I make you understand I never can be free ?

C

G

Cause that s a big unfriendly world and I don t know the route

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G7

that leads to where I may belong, please don t let me out!

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G

Yes, that s a big unfriendly world and I don t know the route

**D**

**D7**

**G**

that leads to where I may belong, please don t let me out!