

## Wanda Jackson "Riot In Cell Block #9"

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On July the second  
Nineteen and fifty-three  
I was serving time in Tahatchopee  
Four o'clock in the morning

I was sleepin' in my cell  
I heard a whistle blow  
And I heard somebody yell

"There's a riot goin' on"  
(There's a riot goin' on)  
"There's a riot goin' on"  
(There's a riot goin' on)"

"There's a riot goin' on  
Up in cell block number nine"

The trouble all started up in cell block number four  
It spread like fire across the prison floor  
Warden came in with a big tommy gun  
Bang bang bang, tryin' to stop our fun

But there's a riot goin' on  
(There's a riot goin' on)  
There's a riot goin' on  
(There's a riot goin' on)

There's a riot goin' on  
Up in cell block number nine

The warden said, "Come out  
With your hands up in the air  
You don't stop this riot  
You're all gonna get the chair"

Two gun Mathilda said  
"It's too late to quit  
Pass the dynamite, Molly  
'Cause, man, this fuse is lit"

And there's a riot goin' on  
(There's a riot goin' on)

There's a riot goin' on  
(There's a riot goin' on)

There's a riot goin' on  
Up in cell block number nine

They called the state militia  
To help them win the fight  
Drove up to the prison  
In the middle of the night

Each and every trooper  
He looked so tall and fine  
All the chicks went crazy  
Up in cell block number nine

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