

## **Flatt & Scruggs**

### **"99 Tears Is Almost For Life"**

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The courtroom was crowded the judge waited there  
My mother was crying when I left my chair  
The sentence were sharpful they cut like a knife  
For ninety ninety years folks is almost for life  
I dreamed of the whistle I heard the bells ring  
My sweetheart was coming some good news to bring  
I knew that she loved me and that she'd be true  
She said she would save me I'm guilty as you  
She went for a pardon or else for parole  
I know she'll come back for she's part of my soul  
If she ever fails me I'd be mighty blue I'll stay in this  
jailhouse I'll die in here too  
[ dobro ]  
They said I was a criminal and to my despair  
They sent me to Nashville and shaved off my hair

So come hear my story I'll tell you my fate  
I'm serving in Nashville for another man's hate  
I just got a letter from Nashville town and after I read it  
my spirit broke down  
It's sad that my sweetheart and the judge would be  
wed  
And here in this jailhouse I wish I was dead  
No matter how right folks a man he may be  
Bad company will sent him to prison like me  
So take a good woman and make her your wife  
For ninety ninety years folks is almost for life

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