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## **Flatt And Scruggs** "Ninety Nine Years 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 sharp for it 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 quilty 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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