

## Jeff Bates "That'll Get You Ten"

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Just two years an' seven days  
Between me an' legal age  
Just one clerk in that liquor store  
Between me an' that front door

My coat had deep pockets  
An' he probably had a gun  
Well, I reckon he was watchin' 'cause he said  
"Son, that'll get you one"

"One year pickin' up trash on the highway  
One phone call to hear your momma's heartbreak  
If you think it's worth it, don't let me stop you, son  
'Cause that'll get you one"

She had a beer in her hand, she was comin' on strong  
An' I was just this close to takin' her home  
Things were lookin' good when we left that bar  
Till she stopped an' said, "That's my car"

That's when I saw the sticker  
That said, 'Franklin County High'  
Well, I didn't even kiss the girl goodbye  
'Cause that'll get you five

Five years bustin' up rocks on the chain gang  
Pound in' and a bang straight plates in the same sink  
Wonderin' if I'm ever gonna make it out alive

An' those tan breaks might get me thinkin' 'bout a  
jailbreak  
Askin' my mom to slip a file in my bun cake  
Those bloodhounds'd probably haul me back in  
An' that's another ten

Boss man climbin' down my back  
Won't cut me one inch of slack  
'Tween that steel beam an' the ground below  
It'd be a nasty fall if the wind should blow

I don't see a witness an' we're up here awful high  
If he should lose his balance

He might not survive  
But that'd get you life

Pumpin' that iron with the boys on the cell-block  
Tyin' my soap to a rope so it don't drop  
An' some ol' boy thinks my biceps look nice

Writin' to the governor an' beggin' for a pardon  
Thinkin', "That's how Merle Haggard got started"  
Swappin' cigarettes for momma's apple pie

Lookin' through the glass an' talkin' to my lawyer  
Memorizing Moby Dick an' Tom Sawyer  
Tellin' the parole board, I learned wrong from right  
Yeah, that'd get you life, yeah, that'd get you life

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