

## Jimmy Dean

### "Week in a Country Jail"

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(Tom T. Hall)

One time I spent a week inside this little country jail  
And I don't guess I'll ever live it down  
I was settin' at red light when these two men came and  
got me  
And they said that I was speedin' through their town.

They said tomorrow morning you can see the judge  
then go  
They let me call one person on the phone  
I thought I'd be there over night so I'd just call my boss  
To tell him I'd be off but not for long.

They motioned me inside the cell with seven other guys  
One little barredup window in the rear  
My cellmate said if they had let me bring some money  
in  
We ought to send the jailer for some beer.

We had to pay him double cause he was the man in  
charge  
And the jailer's job was not the best in town  
Later on his wife brought hot bologna eggs and gravy  
The first day I was there I turned it down.

Next morning they'd just let us sleep but I was up real  
early  
Wondered if I get my release  
Later on we got more hot bologna eggs and gravy  
By now I wasn't quite so hard to please.

Two days later when I thought that I had been forgotten  
The sheriff came in chewing on the straw  
He said where is the guy who thinks that this is  
Indianapolis  
I'd like to talk to him about the law.

I told him who I was and told him I was working steady  
And I really should be gettin' on my way  
The part about me being who I was did not impress him

And he said the judge will be here any day.

The jailer had a wife and let me tell you she was awful  
But she brought that hot bologna every day  
And after seven days she got to looking so much better  
I asked her if she'd like to run away.

Next morning that old judge took every nickel that I  
have  
And he said son let that teach you not to race  
The jailer's wife was smiling from the window as I left  
In thirty minutes I was out of state...

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