

## Les Paul & Mary Ford

### "Amukiriki"

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Chain Gang - Overture / Work Song / Look Down

[PRISONERS]

Look down, look down  
Don't look 'em in the eye  
Look down, look down,  
You're here until you die

[CONVICT ONE]

The sun is strong  
It's hot as hell below

[PRISONER]

Look down, look down,  
There's twenty years to go

[CONVICT TWO]

I've done no wrong!  
Sweet Jesus, hear my prayer!

[PRISONERS]

Look down look down,  
Sweet Jesus doesn't care

[CONVICT THREE]

I know she'll wait,  
I know that she'll be true!

[PRISONERS]

Look down, look down,  
They've all forgotten you

[CONVICT FOUR]

When I get free ya won't see me  
Here for dust!

[PRISONERS]

Look down, look down  
Don't look 'em in the eye

[CONVICT FIVE]

How long, oh Lord

Before you let me die?

[PRISONERS]

Look down, look down,  
You'll always be a slave  
Look down, look down,  
You're standing in your grave

[JAVERT]

Now bring me prisoner 24601  
Your time is up  
And your parole's begun  
You know what that means.

[VALJEAN]

Yes, it means I'm free.

[JAVERT]

No!  
It means you get  
Your yellow ticket-of-leave  
You are a thief

[VALJEAN]

I stole a loaf of bread.

[JAVERT]

You robbed a house.

[VALJEAN]

I broke a window pane.  
My sister's child was close to death  
And we were starving.

[JAVERT]

You will starve again  
Unless you learn the meaning of the law.

[VALJEAN]

I know the meaning of those 19 years  
A slave of the law

[JAVERT]

Five years for what you did  
The rest because you tried to run  
Yes, 24601.

[VALJEAN]

My name is Jean Valjean

[JAVERT]

And I am Javert  
Do not forget my name!  
Do not forget me,  
24601.

[PRISONERS]  
Look down, look down  
You'll always be a slave  
Look down, look down  
You're standing in your grave.

[VALJEAN]  
Freedom is mine. The earth is still.  
I feel the wind. I breathe again.  
And the sky clears  
The world is waking.  
Drink from the pool. How clean the taste.  
Never forget the years, the waste.  
Nor forgive them  
For what they've done.  
They are the guilty - everyone.  
The day begins...  
And now lets see  
What this new world  
Will do for me!

[He finds work on a farm]

[FARMER]  
You'll have to go  
I'll pay you off for the day  
Collect your bits and pieces there  
And be on your way.

[VALJEAN]  
You have given me half  
What the other men get!  
This handful of tin  
Wouldn't buy my sweat!

[LABORER]  
You broke the law  
It's there for people to see  
Why should you get the same  
As honest men like me?

[VALJEAN]  
Now every door is closed to me  
Another jail. Another key. Another chain  
For when I come to any town  
They check my papers

And they find the mark of Cain  
In their eyes I see their fear  
'We do not want you here.'

[He comes to an inn]

[INKEEPER'S WIFE]  
My rooms are full  
And I've no supper to spare  
I'd like to help a stranger  
All we want is to be fair

[VALJEAN]  
I will pay in advance  
I can sleep in a barn  
You see how dark it is  
I'm not some kind of dog!

[INNKEEPER]  
You leave my house  
Or feel the weight of my rod  
We're law-abiding people here  
Thanks be to God.

[They throw him out of the inn]

[VALJEAN]  
And now I know how freedom feels  
The jailer always at your heels  
It is the law!  
This piece of paper in my hand  
That makes me cursed throughout the land  
It is the law!  
Like a cur  
I walk the street,  
The dirt beneath their feet.

[He sits down despairingly outside a house from which  
emerges the Bishop of Digne.]

[BISHOP]  
Come in, Sir, for you are weary,  
And the night is cold out there.  
Though our lives are very humble  
What we have, we have to share.  
There is wine here to revive you.  
There is bread to make you strong,  
There's a bed to rest till morning,  
Rest from pain, and rest from wrong.

[VALJEAN]

He let me eat my fill  
I had the lion's share  
The silver in my hand  
Cost twice what I had earned  
In all those nineteen years -  
That lifetime of despair  
And yet he trusted me.  
The old fool trusted me -  
He'd done his bit of good  
I played the grateful serf  
And thanked him like I should  
But when the house was still,  
I got up in the night.  
Took the silver  
Took my flight!

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