

## Nick Cave

### "Knockin' On Joe"

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These chains of sorrow  
They are heavy, it is true  
And these locks cannot be broken  
No, not with one thousand keys  
O Jailer, you're dragging  
Ball and chain, you cannot see  
You can lay your burden on me  
You can lay down your burden on me  
You can bring burden down upon me  
But you can't lay down your memories, no  
Here I go, knockin' on Joe  
This square foot of sky will be mine til I die  
Knockin' on Joe, all down the row  
Knockin' on Joe  
O Warden, I surrender to you  
Your fists can't hurt me anymore  
You know, these hands will never mop  
Your dirty 'Death Row' floors  
Preacher, come closer  
You don't scare me anymore  
Just tell Nancy not to come here

O, tell her not to come  
And let me die in the memory of her arms  
All down the row, knockin' on Joe  
O you Kings of halls, ends of halls  
You will die within these walls  
And I'll go, all down the row, knockin' on Joe  
O Nancy's body is a coffin  
She wears my tombstone at her head  
Her body is a coffin  
She wears my tombstone at her head  
She wears her body like a coffin  
She wears a dress of gold and red  
She wears a dress of gold and red  
She wears a dress of red and gold  
Grave robbers at my coffin  
Before my body's even cold  
It's a door for when I go  
Knockin' on Joe  
O, these hands will never mop  
Your dirty row floors  
No and you can hide, you can run  
You can run, you can hide  
You'll stay, you'll come  
O but your trial is yet to come  
O you can run, you can hide

But you have yet to be tried

You can lay your burdens down here

You can lay your burden down

Knockin' on Joe

You can lay your burden upon me

You can lay your burden on me

Knockin' on Joe

You can lay it down here

You can bring burden down

Knockin' on Joe

You can't hurt me anymore, no

You can't hurt me anymore, no

Knockin' on Joe

You can bring burden down

You can bring burden down

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