

## **Merle Haggard**

# **"I Made the Prison Band"**

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Deep inside this lonely prison  
Where the pleasures are so few  
Where the walls are strong and the days are long  
And there's nothin' new

I learned to play the guitar  
And I'm doin' the best I can  
I guess I could be worse  
'Cause I made the prison band  
I made the prison band

Now there's ol' bashful Bill on the doghouse base  
Willie on the steel guitar  
He hails from Pocatello  
And he drags a pretty mean bar

And back on the drums there's two-time Tom  
A rim shot tempo man  
The boys call me their singin' emcee  
'Cause I made the prison band  
I made the prison band

I'd been plannin' a break since Christmas  
I had the details all worked out  
But now I know that I ain't gonna go  
And there's no doubt

I had my try-out Sunday  
And the outcome changed my plans  
I gotta rehearse for the Friday night show  
'Cause I made the prison band  
I made the prison band

Aah, aah there's ol' bashful Bill on the doghouse base  
Willie on the steel guitar  
And he hails from Pocatello and  
And he drags a pretty mean bar

And back on the drums is two-time Tom  
A rim shot tempo man  
The boys call me their singin' emcee  
Since I made the prison band

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