

Merle Haggard

"Jailhouse Rock"

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(Jerry Leiber - Mike Stoller)

The warden threw a party in the county jail
The prison band was there they began to wail
The band was jumpin' and the joint began to swing
You should've heard those knocked out jailbirds sing.

Let's rock everybody, let's rock
Everybody in the whole cell block was dancin' to the
Jailhouse Rock.

Spider Murphy played the tenor saxophone
Little Joe was blowing on the slide trombone
The drummer boy from Illinois went crash boom bang
The whole rhythm section was the purple gang.

Let's rock everybody, let's rock
Everybody in the whole cell block was dancin' to the
Jailhouse Rock.

No. 47 said to No. 3
You're sure the cutest jailbird I ever did see
I sure would be delighted with your company
Come on and do the Jailhouse Rock with me.

Let's rock everybody let's rock
Everybody in the whole cell block was dancin' to the
Jailhouse Rock.

The sad sack was a sittin' on a block of stone
Way over in the corner weeping all alone
The warden said, hey buddy, don't you be no square
Ain't find a partner use a wooden chair.

Let's rock everybody let's rock
Everybody in the whole cell block was dancin' to the
Jailhouse Rock.

--- Instrumental ---

Shifty Henry said to bugs for heaven's sake

No one's looking now's our chance to make a break
Bugsy turned to shifty and he said nix nix
I wanna stick around a while and get my kicks.

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Jailhouse Rock...

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