## Jam Pearl "Catholic Boy"

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Jim Carroll - "Basketball Diaries" soundtrack)

I was born in a pool

Left in my mother's stand

I spat at that surgeon and his tremblin' hand

When I felt for life I was the nursery boy

I stole the doctors scalpel and I slit the cord...

I was a Catholic boy...

I was Redeemed, detained...I be joy...

I was two months early, they put me under-class

I screamed and cursed at children with the nurse's pass

Was convicted of theft as I slid from the womb

They took me straight from my stroller to a cell in the tombs...

I was a Catholic boy...

Redeemed, detained...I be joy...

They starved me for weeks, they thought they'd teach me fear

I fed on cell-mates trees, it gave me flyin' ideas

When they cut me loose, the time it served you well

I made allies up in Heaven, and comrades in Hell

I was a Catholic child...

with the grand red...the grand wild... I make angels dance and drop to their knees When I enter a church the feet of the statue bleed I understand the faith of all my enemies With that Christ and a God, it's never me... I'm a Catholic boy... I was Redeemed, detained...and I be joy... I watched His sweetest psalms stolen by the choir I dreamed of all his bones hangin' from a wire I take the contribution, I get absolution I make the resolution to verify my soul... I'm a Catholic boy... Redeemed, detained...I be joy... And they can't touch me now, I got every size of the... They got Baptism, they got Penance I got Communion, I got extreme... Damn...I got Confirmation... I was a Catholic boy... Redeemed, detained...and I be joy... And now, I'm a Catholic man...

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I put my tounge to the rail whenever I can