

Jailhouse Rock

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Moderately

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction consisting of four measures. The first two measures are marked with a **D7** chord, and the last two with an **E♭7** chord. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and a melody in the right hand. The vocal line enters in the second measure of the first system. The lyrics are as follows:

1. The war - den threw a par - ty in the
2-5. (See additional lyrics)

count - ty jail. The pris - on band was there and they be -
gan to wail. The band was jump - in' and the joint be -

The score continues with piano accompaniment and vocal lines for the second system, maintaining the same chord structure and tempo. The piano part includes a double bar line after the first measure of the second system.

D7

Eb7

Chor

gan to swing... You should have heard those knocked - out jail - birds sing. Let's

rock! Ev - 'ry - bod - y let's rock!

To Coda

Bb7

Ab7

Ev - 'ry - bod - y in the whole cell block was danc

1-3

Eb7

D7

4

Eb7

ing to the Jail - house Rock! ing to the Jail - house

D.S. al Coda

CODA $B\flat 7$

Rock!

bod - y in the whole cell

$A\flat 7$ $E\flat 7$ $D7$ $E\flat 7$

block was danc - ing to the Jail - house Rock! Danc

Additional Lyrics

2. Spider Murphy played the tenor saxophone
 Little Joe was blowin' on the slide trombone.
 The drummer boy from Illinois went crash, boon, bang;
 The whole rhythm section was the Purple Gang.
(Chorus)
3. Number Forty-seven said to number Three:
 "You're the cutest jailbird I ever did see.
 I sure would be delighted with your company,
 Come on and do the Jailhouse Rock with me."
(Chorus)
4. 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,
 If you can't find a partner, use a wooden chair!"
(Chorus)
5. Shifty Henry said to Bugs: "For heaven's sake,
 No one's lookin', 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."
(Chorus)