

Jailhouse Rock - Elvis Presley

Key of A

Intro: Slide up to A chord, all start together
Note that commas below refer to snare shots between chords

(Ab)A ,, (Ab)A ,, (Ab)A ,, (Ab)A ,,

A!

The warden threw a party in the county jail,

A!

Prison band was there and they began to wail,

A!

Band was jumpin' the joint began to swing,

A!

Should've heard thosed knocked out jail birds sing,

D

D

A

A

Lets rock, everybody, lets rock

E7

D

Everybody in the whole cell block,

A

A

Was dancing to the jailhouse rock.

A!

Spider Murphy played the tenor saxophone,

A!

Little Joe was blowin' on the slide trombone,

A!

The drummer boy from Illinois went crash, boom, bang,

A!

The whole rhythm section was the purple gang,

D

D

A

A

Lets rock, everybody, lets rock

E7

D

Everybody in the whole cell block,

A

A

Was dancing to the jailhouse rock.

Guitar solo once through verse and chorus

A!

The sad sack was a sittin on a block of stone,

In chorus, one guitar, bass and the sax play a walking pattern

A!

Way over in the corner weepin all alone,

A!

The warden said, hey, buddy, don't you be no square,

A!

If you can't find a partner use a wooden chair,

D

D

A

A

Lets rock, everybody, lets rock

E7

D

Everybody in the whole cell block,

A

A

Was dancing to the jailhouse rock.

A!

Shifty Henry said to bugs, for heavens sake,

A!

No ones lookin now's our chance to make a break,

A!

Bugsy turned to shifty and he said, nix nix,

A!

I wanna stick around a while and get my kicks,

D

D

A

A

Lets rock, everybody, lets rock

E7

D

Everybody in the whole cell block,

A

A

Was dancing to the jailhouse rock.

A

They were dancing to the jailhouse rock

A

They were dancing to the jailhouse rock

D

They were dancing to the jailhouse rock

A

They were dancing to the jailhouse rock

E7

D

Everybody in the whole cell block,

A

Was dancing to the jailhouse rock.

A

They were dancing, dancing, dancing, dancing

Dancing to the jailhouse rock

D

They were dancing, dancing, dancing, dancing

A

Dancing to the jailhouse rock

E7

D

Everybody in the whole cell block,

A

Was dancing to the jailhouse rock.

**outtro: instrumental to end, maybe 3 times through
Guitar, piano, sax sparsely soloing for busy feel**