

Song Chart: Folsom Prison Blues

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"Folsom Prison Blues" by J.R. Cash

Johnny Cash was never an inmate at Folsom Prison, but he did well and truly put it on the international music map. Whilst serving in the US Air Force in West Germany in the early 50s, Johnny was inspired by a movie, "Inside the walls of Folsom Prison" to write a truly classic song about two of Country Music's favourite topics - prisons and trains.

Johnny Cash went to Folsom Prison in 1968 to record an album, complete with cell door noises and good old fashioned yelling from the inmates.

The recent Johnny Cash biopic deals pretty well with both the writing of this song and also the performance inside those bluestone walls.

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