

Prison Song

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capo III

Am
One day a friend took me aside
Dm
and said, "I have to leave you.
Am
For buying something from a friend
Em E7
They say I have done wrong.
Am
For protecting the name of a man
Dm7
they say I'll have to leave you.
Am Em Dm7 Am
So now I'm bidding you farewell for much too long.
Am Dm7
And here's a song to sing for every man inside.
Am Em E7
If he can hear you sing it's an open door.
Am Dm7
There's not a rich man there who couldn't pay his way
Am Em Dm7 Am
and buy the freedom, that's a high price for the poor.
Am9 Dm7 Am Em E7
Kids in Texas, smoking grass, ten year sentence, comes to pass.
Am9 Dm7 Am9 Em E7
Misdemeanor in Ann Arbor, ask the judges why?
Am
Another friend said to her kids
Dm
I'm gonna have to leave you
Am
For selling something to the man
Em E7
I guess I did wrong.
Am
And although I did the best I could
Dm7
I'm gonna have to leave you.
Am Em Dm7 Am
So now I'm kissing you farewell for much too long.
Am Dm7
And here's a song to sing for every man inside.
Am Em E7
If he can hear you sing it's an open door.
Am Dm7
There's not a rich man there who couldn't pay his way
Am Em Dm7
and buy the freedom, that's a high price for the poor.