

Moondyne Joe

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Verse 1

1 E A B E A B E

Come all you con-victs bold and true and lis-ten to my tale of a trans-po tee who did re-fuse to stay in Fre-man-tle jail

5 E B E B E A B E

Ten years was his sen tence long for the stea ling he was a-ken of two chee ses and two loaves of bread and a piece of old chewed ba con

Verse 2

9 E A B E A B E

For ser-ving ten years Joe was freed and he moved out of town On ly to be ha-rassed by them who try to drag us down A-

14 E B E B E A B E

res-ted and then gao-led on su pic-ion of bush rang-ing Joe says "Me boys I'll not stay here for a - no-ther ten years rag-gin

Chorus

18 E B E B E A B E Fine

A way a-way Moon dyne Joe's a way The con victs smile the screws they roar Moon dyne Joe's a way

Verse 3

23 E A B E A B E

The traps they the took af-ter Joe & brought him back to town Sen-tenced him to full three years "we'll keep this bas-tard down" No

28 E A E B E A B E

ev-i-dence of bush-rang-ing could they find to chall-enge him Three years was the les-son me lads for try-ing to es-cape them A-

Verse 4

32 E A B E A B E

gain Joe served his time then left the gaol the bars and locks Once a-gain bold Joe was caught for the stea-ling of an ox

36 E A E B E A B E [Sing Chorus]

Ten more years they sen-tenced him he swore he would not stay Four months la-ter hear the cry "Moon-dyne Joe's a-way

Verse 5

40 E A B E A B E

Those traps they set to fol-low Joe "he's got to serve his time" Ele-ven years in gaol and one in irons that Ma-gis-trate did sign.

45 E A E B E A B E

Moon-dyne Joe wrote out his case plead-ing false a-ress That Judge a greed took off ten years but made him serve the rest. They

Verse 6

49 E A B E A B E

built a spec-ial cell for him with a ring set in the floor Ten bars u-pon the win-dow Ten bolts u-pon the door

53 E A E B E A B E [Sing Chorus]

Joe tried to es-cape a-gain "We'll hang him till he dies He dug a hole and like a mole and once a-gain they cried

Verse 7

57 E A B E A B E

This time Joe took to bush-ran-ging and "Bail up" was his call For two short months he rode the bush un-til the traps did call The

62 E A E B E A B E

bul-lets flew a man was down the police were armed too well Once a-gain bold Joe was caught & thrown back in-to gaol. He

Verse 8

66 E A B E A B E

took a job in pri-son...lads in the car-pen-ter's work-shop. The war-ders caught him ma-king a key for the front door lock.

70 E A E B E A B E

Six more months in irons he got in his spec-ial cell. In so-li-tary con-fine-ment but his spir-its ne-ver fell. An a-

Verse 9

74 E A B E A B E

ver-ter it was writ-ten out in Moon-dyne Joe's own hand. De-liv-ered to the go-ven-or sea-ted in his house so grand.

78 E A E B E A B E [Sing Chorus]

Joe told his own sto-ry and owned the law's de-lay The Go-ve-nor's writ-ten a par-don and "it's Moon-dyne Joe's a-way!