

Scum of the Earth

Verses for the Old Bailey.
Sung by the male convicts.

Ted Egan

D A7 D

I'm Mi chael Rei - dy, I am from Som-er-set I must ad - mit to my_ crime.

9 A7 D E7 A A7

I forged my mast-er's hand_ Changed a bank doc - u ment Now I must serve pe-nal time. I'm not

17 G D G D E A E7 A

real - ly a bad man I thought it was fair, that some of_ my mas-ter's vast wealth I could share.

25 D A G A A7 D

All I can say is: I'll try to sur vive. Oh yes, Mi-chael Rei-dy's a man who will thrive. And

34 A7 D E7 A

this judge des cribes us as Scum of_ the Earth. Well we've got some bad news for him. If he

42 A7 D A7

reck ons_ he'll beat us_ or try to de - feat us, I'd say that his chan - ces were

48 D G D A7 D

slim, would - n't you? I'd say that his chan - ces were slim.

Soloman Abraham, yes, I'm light-fingered
I'm Jewish, a Cockney, a lad
I pinched a bar of gold
Then I got nabbed wiff it
That makes me terrible sad
I would have used the cash
Wisely and well
Made lots of poor folks feel ever so swell
Now the old Beak has me marked as a failure
Off you go Solly, you're bound for Australia

Dominic Harvey's me name if you don't mind
I stole a pistol, it's true
I am from Lancashire,
Son of a clergyman
I have a firm point-of-view
I am a Union man
Sworn to be free
Free from the masters who tyrannise me
My comrades and I, we have all sworn an oath,
Our death or our glory, we'll contemplate both

I'm Martin Cosgrove, I was a Highwayman
I achieved national fame
I am an Irishman
Proud of my heritage
Proud of my fine Irish name
I don't regret a thing
Turning to crime
Bailing up Englishmen, had a good time
Very enjoyable task to be sure
Robbing the rich, to give to the poor