
Certain Freedom

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Am C G
I walked in Greenville Prison back in 89
Am C E7
straight to solitary to do my final time
Am C G
lonliness and boredom left their marks upon my skin
Am E7 Am
and hard time sure enough has done me in

Am C G
I cut a man 's life short in a stand of cottonwood
Am C E7
jury found me guilty and locked me up for good
Am C G
lawyer said "I'm sorry", wouldn't look me in the eye
Am E7 Am
they hauled out while my poor mama cried

F Am
here in Greenville Prison down on dead man's row
E7 Am
there's no getting even, there's getting whole
F Am
there's no certain freedom, the life you used to know
Am E7 Am
there's only time to pay the debt you owe

Am C G
At the edge of moonlight, out past the razor wire
Am C E7
freedom's like a river racing quiet through the night
Am C G
far beyond the walls of tempered steel and stone
Am E7 Am
around the place that murder made my home

F Am
here in Greenville Prison down on dead man's row
E7 Am
there's no getting even, there's getting whole
F Am
there's no certain freedom, the life you used to know
Am E7 Am
there's only time to pay the debt you owe

Am **C** **G**
 now, doing the long stretch takes a toll on every man
Am **C** **E7**
 some mutter in the night, some worry, others plan
Am **C** **G**
 and me, I'm lying down as soon as day is past
Am **E7** **Am**
 and dreaming of a day I'm free at last

F **Am**
 free from Greenville Prison, gone from dead man's row
E7 **Am**
 no more getting even now that I am whole
F **Am**
 enjoying certain freedom from the life I used to know
Am **E7** **Am**
 now that I have paid the debt I owe
Am **E7** **Am**
 now that I have paid the debt I owe
Am **E7** **Am**
 now that I have paid the debt I owe

