Jailhouse Fire

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Did you see that lady there?
They stripped her to her underwear
She took it one step further and stripped to bare
Through the rising flames and smoke
She laughed as all the police choked
And then she danced in the government pyreThe jailhouse is on fire
The jailhouse is on fireShe grabbed a guard and stole his keys
Unlocked the cells, and set us free
And we ran and caught our pants on the old barbed wire
We hit the dirt we hit the road
We jumped the fence, we kissed a toad
And we hollered at the ladies in the churchyard choirThe jailhouse is on fire
The jailhouse is on fireI hopped a train and headed west
Free woman now just like the rest
All the hobos on the line called me a liar
The train it choked and spewed and spat
And coal smoke billowed thick and black
And she was everywhere and rising higherShe set the jailhouse on fire
She set the jailhouse on fire

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