

# I'm Free From The Chain Gang Now

[Johnny Cash](#)

I got rid of the shackles that bound me  
And the guards that were always around me  
There were tears on the mail mother wrote me in jail  
But I'm free from the chain gang now  
All the years I was known and respected  
'Til one day I was wrongly suspected  
I was shackled in chains in the cold freezing rain  
But I'm free from the chain gang now  
All the years I was known by a number

How I kept my mind is a wonder  
But like a bird in a tree I got my liberty  
And I'm free from the chain gang now  
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