

Bobby Sands, MP

Black 47

My name is Bobby Sands MP
Born in the city of Belfast
Divided by religion I grew up fast
I was stabbed and I was spat upon
My family run out of its home
There was only one solution
Turn the whole system upside downBut the system had other ideas
I got lifted for carryin' a gun
In a trial without a jury
I got fourteen years from the judgeScrews beat me regularly
But they couldn't break me because
I had the love of my comrades
And a burnin' faith in my causeStill I left a girl outside pregnant
Married her while on remand
Now I got a son and a pain in my heart
When he doesn't recognize his old manYour soul's on ice oh, oh, oh, oh
But they can't stop the desire
To break on out oh, oh, oh, oh
When your heart is on fireWe wouldn't wear their convict clothes
So they stripped us to the bone
Threw in some threadbare blankets
And when they jeered us about our nakedness
As we slopped out down the halls
We wouldn't come out of their prison cells
We smeared shit on their prison wallsStuck in an eight foot concrete box
With a Bible, a mattress
And the threat of violence everyday
Can I make it through these fourteen years?
Will my son remember my face?
I don't blame her for the separation
But for Christ's sake let him keep his nameYour soul's on ice oh, oh, oh, oh
But they can't stop the desire
To break on out oh, oh, oh, oh
When your heart is on fireFive simple things we ask of them
Five simple things denied
But Thatcher, will not compromise
I ask my Mother's permission
To finally break her heart
We have come to a decision, hunger strikeThree comrades starve behind me

I pray to God that my
Death will lead to compromise
I can no longer see your face
My bones break through my skin
I'm goin' back to Belfast City
You can't cage my spirit in Your soul's on ice oh, oh, oh, oh
But they can't stop the desire
To break on out oh, oh, oh, oh
When your heart is on fire Your soul's on ice oh, oh, oh, oh
But they can't stop the desire
To break on out oh, oh, oh, oh
When your heart is on fire

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