

# 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 down But the system had other ideas  
I got lifted for carryin' a gun  
In a trial without a jury  
I got fourteen years from the judge Screws beat me regularly  
But they couldn't break me because  
I had the love of my comrades  
And a burnin' faith in my cause Still 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 man 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 We 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 walls Stuck 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 name 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 Five 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 strike Three 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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