

I had a friend named Ramblin' Bob, he used to steal, gamble and rob,

C7 F

He though he was the smartest guy around.

But I found out last Monday, that Bob got locked up Sunday,

D7 G7 - A#dim - G7

They got him in the jailhouse way downtown

NC C F
He's in the jailhouse now, he's in the jailhouse now,

G7

Well I told him once or twice, stop playin' cards and shootin' dice,

C

He's in the jailhouse now.

C
Bob liked to play his poker, pinochle with Dan Yoker,

C7 F

But shooting dice was his favorite game,

Well he got throw'd in jail, with nobody to go his bail,

D7 G7 - A#dim - G7

The judge done said it was a doggone shame.

NC C F
He's in the jailhouse now, he's in the jailhouse now,

G7

Well I told him once or twice, quit playin' cards and shootin' dice,

C

He's in the jailhouse now.

C
Well I went out last Tuesday, I met a girl named Susie,

C7 F

I said I was the swellest guy around,

Well we started to spendin' my money, and she started to callin' me honey,

D7 G7 - A#dim - G7

We took in every cabaret in town.

NC C F
We're in the jailhouse now, we're in the jailhouse now,

G7

Well I told that judge right to his face, I don't like to see this place,

C C7

We're in the jailhouse now.

C7 F
Ah de yo-da lay-eee-he-yo-leeeee,

C

Ah de oh da lay ee-he-teeeeeee,

G7

Yo da lay-e-heee, yo da lay-e-heee,

C F C

Yo da lay-heeeeeeeee!

In The Jailhouse Now



by Jimmie Rodgers

A novelty blues song featured in early vaudeville, this song was recorded by "singing brakeman" Jimmie Rodgers in 1928. It featured Rodgers on guitar & vocals (including his famous yodel) and Ellsworth T. Cozzens on banjo.

