

BALLAD OF JETHRO BODINE

words and music
R. Runyon

G Bm C G
They threw Jethro Bodine in the slammer today nobody seemed to care there was little clammer they say
Bm
They showed it on tv and his friends all were frightened
C G
Their nerves were all frayed and their senses were heightened
Em A Em A Em A Em A
They said "it's not so" but they knew they were lying some went back to work others just kept on frying

C G Bm
They put him away because they said he was growing
H C G
O He was asleep on the couch it's not his house that they're showing
R Bm
U Does he know what's going on there's no way of knowing
S C G
But they put him away because they said he was growing

Bm C G
Macho woman said "I know just how you feel" to the broken down poet who'd forgotten to kneel
Bm C G
He said "I beg your pardon" she said "Oh but I really do I lived with pitiful men who were just as helpless as you
Em A Em A
I'm smarter and I'm stronger I know you and I knew him"
Em A Em A
His loving wife said that's right and she kicked him in the shin

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Bm C G
The poet couldn't believe that he was really that stupid some say he was in love who knows maybe it was cupid
Bm C G
He worried all the night then he wrote down this song about two different prisoners and two lives that went wrong
Em A Em A Em A Em A
One inside a prison he may never leave one inside a prison of the things he believes

CHORUS