Well, I served 10 years hard labour Working down on the prison farm And the nights were cold and lonely And the wind come a-howling down

You know the judge he guilty found me And then he sent me down for nine But when I busted the pen You know the judge made it ten Now I'm breaking rocks doing my time

Well, Abilene
I've never seen a town so mean
Abilene
Well, you're a mean gunfighter's dream
You know I wish I'd never
I wish I'd never
I wish I'd never seen
Abilene

Well, it was down in Abilene
Well, I'd been riding night and day
When I stopped for a drink of whiskey
And I got in a poker game

Well, I was drunk and I lost my temper When someone called me a lying cheat Well, when he pulled out a knife, and followed me outside You know I shot him down in the street

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