## Melissa Etheridge, The Prison

I was high and dry like the Kansas sky If I ached for any more I knew I'd surely die Night after night trying to get out of my skin Day after lonely day You'd send me back again

I have stood inside this prison I have touched its stony walls I know before you try to run You gotta learn to crawl I tried to leave it all behind me I drove all night just to drive all day But the walls of this prison still surround me And I can't break away

I held you so close I thought my soul would break But you were just a ghost The holiest mistake I will not be a judge or the one to set you free I'll just keep on drivin' And time's a friend to me

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The sentence has been read everything is done I wish I could say goodbye to you Wish I could hold the sun My eyes are dull and burnt And they lie to me sometimes Cause I thought I saw you cryin'

I have stood inside this prison I have touched its stony walls I know before you try to run You gotta learn to crawl I tried to leave it all behind me In my dreams somehow I got away But the walls of this prison still surround me And I can't break away