

# Baez Joan, Prison Trilogy (Billy Rose) (4:23)

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Come From The Shadows  
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Billy Rose was a low rider;  
Billy Rose was a night fighter  
Billy Rose knew trouble like the sound of his own name  
Busted on a drunken charge  
Drivin' someone else's car  
The local midnight sheriff's claim to fame

In an Arizona jail there are some who tell the tale how  
Billy fought the sergeant for some milk that he demanded.  
Knowing they'd remain the boss  
Knowing he would pay the cost  
They saw he was severely reprimanded

In the blackest cell on "A" Block he hanged himself at dawn  
With a note stuck to the bunk head  
Don't mess with me, just take me home.

Come and lay, help us lay young Billy down.

Luna was a Mexican the law called an alien  
For comin' 'cross the border with a baby and a wife  
Though the clothes upon his back were wet  
Still he thought that he could get  
Some money and things that make a life.  
It hadn't been too very long  
When it seemed like everything went wrong  
They didn't even have the time to find themselves a home

This foreigner, a brown-skin male  
Thrown into a Texas jail  
It left the wife and baby quite alone.

He eased the pain inside him with a needle in his arm  
But the dope just crucified him  
He died to no one's great alarm  
Come and lay, help us lay young Luna down  
And we're gonna raze, raze the prisons to the ground.

Kilowatt was an aging con of 65  
Who stood a chance to stay alive  
And leave the joint and walk the streets again  
As the time he was to leave drew near  
He suffered all the joy and fear  
Of leaving 35 years in the pen

And on the day of his release  
He was approached by the police  
Who took him to the warden, walking slowly at his side  
The warden said "You won't remain here  
But it seems a state retainer  
Claims another 10 years of your life."

He stepped out in the Texas sunlight  
The cops all stood around  
Old Kilowatt ran 50 yards then threw himself down on the ground

They might as well just have laid the old man down  
And we're gonna raze, raze the prisons to the ground  
Help us raze, raze the prisons to the ground