

# ***Prisoner's Lament - Lonesome River Band***

Bluegrass Contemporary, Key of **B** My Key: \_\_\_\_

**INTRO: 2X** ( **1**<sup>\*</sup> , **5m** , **1** , **1** , **4** , **1** ) , **1** (\* 3 beats)

When **1** I was young and did not **5m** care

I **1** was, a killer man, Sam Colt pistol in my hand

I **4** shot my woman, and her daughter **1** fair,

The **1** jury heard my mother's **5m** plea

Oh **1** spare'm his life today, oh don't take my boy away

He's my- **4** only son Judge please, set him **1** free

**INSTRUMENTAL:** **1**<sup>\*</sup> , **5m** , **1** , **1** , **4** , **1** , **1** (\* 3 beats)

The **1** judge stared down at me and **5m** smiled

Then he **1** sentenced me to die, despite my mother's cry

For the **4** death of Molly Jones, and her **1** child,

Big **1** Sandy Prison I did **5m** go

**1** Breaking rocks and ground, hammer swinging cold steel sound

Makes a- **4** man wish for the hell fires down be- **1** low

**INSTRUMENTAL:** Same as **INTRO**

With **1** shackles and, a ball and **5m** chain

I **1** paid the last five years, soaked in blood, stained with tears

I've **4** cursed the sun while praying for the **1** rain,

I see **1** visions of my dreadful **5m** crime

Out- **1** side the hanging tree, where I'll finally be set free

From the **4** vision of the past that haunts my **1** mind (STOP)

**OUTRO:** **1**<sup>\*</sup> , **5m** , **1** , **1** , **4** **5** , **1** (\* 3 beats)

1 = B
4 = E
5 = G <sup>b</sup>