

THE PRISONER

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INTRO:

1. Ain't it funny how time passes when you're not in control.
So many things come to mind to torture your soul.
Dredging up memories that were better off dead.
Turning them around and around in your head.
2. When you're sitting in the corner of a concrete shell,
every day's another piece of hell.
Scars on my back. Scars on my mind.
There's no place you'd run that I couldn't find.

CHORUS: I've been a prisoner.
I've been a prisoner of time.
I've been a prisoner.
Locked up inside my mind.

3. On the bank of the river our shipment was due.
It was August the third. Can you remember it too?
There was a mist on the water and a look in your eye.
All that you said was this would be your last time.
4. There was a moment of silence. A moment of truth.
The roar of an engine. Someone started to shoot.
I felt a pain in my shoulder. A blow from behind.
I've got that damn day seared into my mind.

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Waiting for the day.
I've been a prisoner.
And now you're going to pay.

5. So, George. We meet again.
Cigarette? Or maybe you'd prefer a joint?
Hey, nice place you have here.
You know it's an exact replica of that hell hole I lived in in South America.
Picked a favorite corner yet?
Now the guards would get drunk,
Mind if I sit down?
and they'd urinate on me through that little hole up there.
That's why I chose this particular spot.
'Cause it's the greatest angle from that little hole up there. The pecker hole.
You're getting grey George.
Seems like only yesterday, doesn't it?
Life's funny that way.
Time passes so quickly when you look back,
but so slowly when you look ahead.
A real mystery.
6. While I lay rottin' for nine stinkin' years, you were walkin' free.
I been thinkin' of nothin' but you. And what you done to me.

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7. You know, they used to beat me every third day.
For months and months and months.
Then they just stopped.
Every third day after that I'd get the shakes. All day. Still do.
Except for this left arm. It doesn't do much of anything anymore.
Did you ever wonder what it's like to eat roaches the size of your thumb?
You will now.
But I'll leave you now George. You've got a big day ahead of you.
All 3287 of them. Including 2 leap years.
And George, if you hear any funny noises, don't worry about it.
It's just me welding the door shut.
And George.
Good to see you.