

## 32.Prison Trilogy Billy Rose

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Capo 1

**G** **Hm**  
Billy Rose was a low rider, Billy Rose was a night fighter  
**C** **G** **D**  
Billy Rose knew trouble like the sound of his own name  
**Am**  
Busted on a drunken charge  
**C**  
Driving someone else's car  
**Cm** **G**  
The local midnight sheriff's claim to fame

**G** **Hm**  
In an Arizona jail there are some who tell the tale, how  
**C** **G** **D**  
Billy fought the sergeant for some milk that he demanded  
**Am**  
Knowing they'd remain the boss  
**C**  
Knowing he would pay the cost  
**Cm** **G**  
They saw he was severely reprimanded

**Em** **Hm**  
In the blackest cell on A Block  
**Em** **Hm**  
He hanged himself at dawn  
**Em** **Hm**  
With a note stuck to the bunk head  
**Am** **D**  
Don't mess with me, just take me home

**Em** **D**  
Come and lay, help us lay  
**G**  
young Billy down

**G** **Hm**  
Luna was a Mexican the law calls an alien

**C** **G** **D**  
For coming across the border with a baby and a wife  
**Am**  
Though the clothes upon his back were wet  
**C**  
Still he thought that he could get  
**Cm** **G**  
Some money and things to start a life

**G** **Hm**  
It hadn't been too very long when it seemed like  
everything went wrong  
**C** **G** **D**  
They didn't even have the time to find themselves a  
home  
**Am**  
This foreigner, a brown-skin male  
**C**  
Thrown inside a Texas jail  
**Cm** **G**  
It left the wife and baby quite alone

**Em** **Hm**  
He eased the pain inside him  
**Em** **Hm**  
With a needle in his arm  
**Em** **Hm**  
But the dope just crucified him  
**Am** **D**  
He died to no one's great alarm

**Em** **D**  
Come and lay, help us lay  
**G**  
Young Luna down  
**Em** **D**  
And we're gonna raze, raze the prisons  
**G**  
To the ground

**G** **Hm** **C**  
Kilowatt was an aging con of 65 who stood a chance to  
stay alive  
**G** **D**  
And leave the joint and walk the streets again  
**Am**  
As the time he was to leave drew near  
**C**  
He suffered all the joy and fear  
**Cm** **G**  
Of leaving 35 years in the pen  
**G** **Hm**  
And on the day of his release he was approached by  
the police  
**C** **G** **D**  
Who took him to the warden walking slowly by his side  
**AM**  
The warden said "You won't remain here  
**C**  
But it seems a state retainer  
**Cm** **G**  
Claims another 10 years of your life."

**Em** **Hm**  
He stepped out in the Texas sunlight  
**Em** **Hm**  
The cops all stood around  
**Em** **Hm**  
Old Kilowatt ran 50 yards  
**Am** **D**  
Then threw himself down on the ground

**Em** **D**  
They might as well just have laid ...