

ACT I

SCENE 1

(We hear the familiar downbeats of "Jailhouse Rock.")

LIGHTS UP on the iconic "Jailhouse Rock" image - two levels of silhouetted prisoners behind bars. A SPOT on CHAD)

#1 JAILHOUSE ROCK

CHAD

THE WARDEN THREW A PARTY IN THE COUNTY JAIL
THE PRISON BAND WAS THERE AND THEY BEGAN TO WAIL
THE BAND WAS JUMPIN' AND THE JOINT BEGANS TO SWING
YOU SHOULD-A HEARD THOSE KNOCKED-OUT JAILBIRDS SING

LET'S ROCK
OH, BABY, LET'S ROCK
EV'RYBODY IN THE WHOLE CELL BLOCK
WAS DANCIN' TO THE JAILHOUSE ROCK

SPIDER MURPHY ON THE TENOR SAXOPHONE
LITTLE JOE'S A' BLOWIN' ON THE SLIDE TROMBONE
THE DRUMMER BOY FROM ILLINOIS GOES CRASH, BOOM, BANG!
THE WHOLE RHYTHM SECTION WAS THE PURPLE GANG!

CHAD

LET'S ROCK

OH, BABY, LET'S ROCK

PRISONERS

ROCK, ROCK

ROCK IN THE JAIL
ROCK, ROCK
IN THE JAILHOUSE

CHAD

EV'RYBODY IN THE WHOLE CELL BLOCK
WILL BE DANCIN' TO THE JAILHOUSE ROCK

(WARDEN enters)

WARDEN

All right, boy, I gotta let ya go now. But I'm hopin' a week in the slammer taught you a lesson - no more ridin' into my town, playin' that music, excitin' our women. We

WARDEN (CON'T)

don't like our women excited! So now you get on your bike and get. Oh, but one more thing, I, uh, promised I'd give you this note. It's from my daughter. And, uh, here's one from my wife. And my mother.

(Exits)

CHAD

NUMBER FORTY-SEVEN SAID TO NUMBER THREE -

#47

YOU'RE THE CUTEST JAILBIRD I EVER DID SEE

#3

I SURE WOULD BE DELIGHTED WITH YOUR COMPANY

#47 AND #3

COME ON AND DO THE JAILHOUSE ROCK WITH ME!

CHAD

LET'S ROCK

OH, BABY, LET'S ROCK

PRISONERS

ROCK, ROCK, ROCK

ROCK IN THE JAIL
ROCK, ROCK
IN THE JAILHOUSE

CHAD

EVERYBODY IN THE WHOLE CELL BLOCK
WILL BE DANCIN' TO THE JAILHOUSE ROCK

PRISONERS

THE SAD SACK IS SITTING
ON A BLOCK OF STONE
WAY OVER IN THE CORNER
WEEPING ALL ALONE.
THE WARDEN SAID HEY BUDDY, DON'T YOU BE NO SQUARE

CHAD

IF YOU CAN'T FIND A PARTNER, USE A WOODEN CHAIR!

PRISONERS

LET'S ROCK, ROCK, ROCK, ROCK

CHAD

OH, BABY, LET'S ROCK