# Swift Guitar Lessons

## "Jailhouse Rock" As Done By Elvis Presley

Key of Eb | Tuned 1/2 Step Down | 85 bpm | Released Sept. 1957 | RCA Victor Records

## Intro



## Verse 1

   E                              D#
The warden threw a party in the county jail

   E                                 D#
The prison band was there and they began to wail

   E                                 D#
The band was jumpin' and the joint began to swing

   E
You should've heard those knocked out jailbirds sing

## Chords Needed

D♯



E



## Chorus 1 *See tabs on pg.2*

   A                     E
Let's rock... Everybody, let's rock!

   B                     A
Everybody in the whole cell block

   E                     D#
Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock

## Verse 2

E                                D#
Spider Murphy played the tenor saxophone

E                                D#
Little Joe was blowin' on the slide trombone

   E                                 D#
The drummer boy from Illinois went crash, boom, bang

   E
The whole rhythm section was a purple gang

## Chorus 2

A                    E

Let's rock... Everybody, let's rock!

B                    A

Everybody in the whole cell block

E                           D#

Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock

## Verse 3

E                           D#

Number 47 said to number 3

E                           D#

"You're the cutest jailbird I ever did see

E                           D#

I sure would be delighted with your company
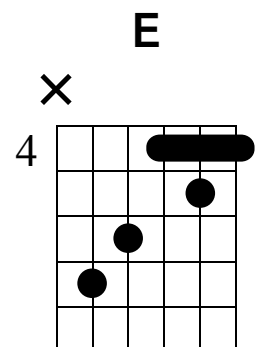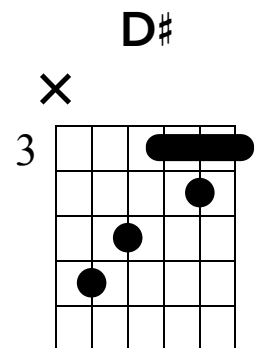
E

Come on and do the Jailhouse Rock with me"
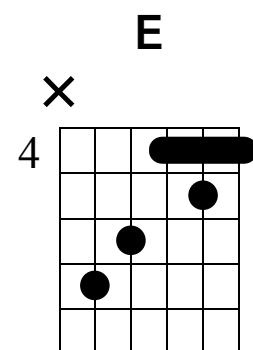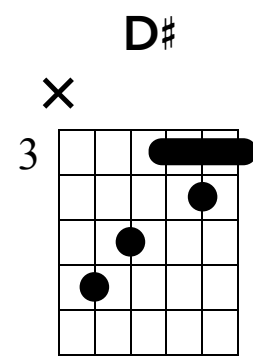
## Chorus 3

A                    E

Let's rock... Everybody, let's rock!

B                    A

Everybody in the whole cell block

E                           D#

Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock

## Guitar Solo

## Verse 3

E                           D#

Sad Sack was sittin' on a block of stone

E                           D#

Way over in the corner weepin' all alone

E                           D#

The warden said, "Hey, buddy, don't you be no square

E                           D#

If you can't find a partner use a wooden chair"

## Chords Needed

D#



E

## Chorus 4

    **A**                    **E**

Let's rock... Everybody, let's rock!

    **B**                    **A**

Everybody in the whole cell block

    **E**                              **D#**

Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock

## Verse 3

**E**                                   **D#**

Shifty Henry said to Bugs, "For Heaven's sake

**E**                                        **D#**

No one's lookin', now's the chance to make a break"

**E**                                  **D#**

Bugsy turned to Shifty and he said, "Nix nix

**E**                                     **D#**

I wanna stick around a while and get my kicks"

## Chorus 5

    **A**                    **E**

Let's rock... Everybody, let's rock!

    **B**                    **A**

Everybody in the whole cell block

    **E**                      **D#**

Was dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock

## Coda

**E**

Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock

**E**

Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock

**E**

Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock

**E**                          **D#**   **E**
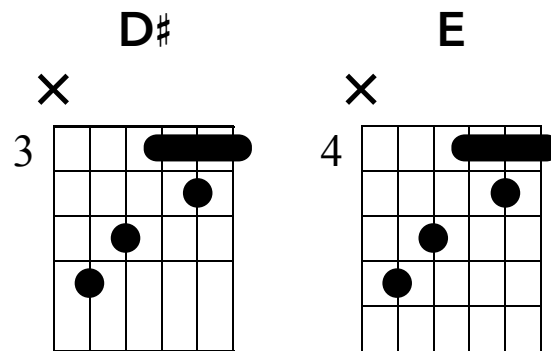
Dancin' to the Jailhouse Rock

## Chords Needed

D♯

E

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Tune down 1/2 step
① = E♭  ② = B♭  ③ = G♭  ④ = D♭  ⑤ = A♭  ⑥ = E♭

♩ = 168

D#     E

**Verse Sections**

**Chorus Sections**

Guitar Solo

Guitar Solo Bassline