

TIJUANA JAIL – Gilby Clarke

We went out one day, about a month ago, to have a little fun in Mexico.
We ended up in a gamblin' spot where the liquor flowed
And the dice were hot.

CHORUS: So here we are in the Tijuana Jail.
Ain't got no friends to go our bail.
So here we'll stay, 'cause we can't pay.
Just send our mail to the Tijuana Jail.

I was shakin' dice, rakin' in the dough, and then I heard a whistle blow.
Well, we started to run when a man in blue said
"Senor come with me, 'cause I want you."

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Just five hundred dollars, and they'll set us free.
I couldn't raise a penny if they threatened me.
I know five hundred don't sound like much,
But just try to find somebody to touch.

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A big hit for The Kingston Trio in 1959, Gilby Clarke wrote Tijuana Jail long before joining Guns N' Roses (1991.) The song is based on a real experience. Clarke had a band called Kill for Thrills, and they decided to have a little fun across the border. They actually did get drunk and get thrown in jail.