

## **Prisons Are Growing**

Tune: Bells For Me and My Gal

Lyrics: by Carol Tyler

Prisons are **growing** - all over our **state**  
Even small **infractions** - can seal your **fate**

Let's **find** a way to **reform** it - redefine and re-**norm** it  
If **we** just **ignore** it- it will just **escalate**

Black **men** **imprisoned** - at **staggering rates**  
We hold the **record** - in all 50 **states**

And you **know** - we can **educate** and **we** can treat  
Help **with** job placement, **too**  
There's **so** much **more** we can **do**

We are not **helpless** - there are **things** that work **well**  
Alternative **programs** - instead of a **cell**

Let's **find** a way to **reform** it - redefine and re-**norm** it  
'Cause if **we** just **ignore** it- it will soon be too **late**

If we worked **harder** - perhaps just a **TAD**  
The **situation** - would not be this **bad**

And you **know** - it **takes wisdom** to **make** a dent  
End **mass** imprisonment  
Take **action** there's much we can **do**  
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