

# Scum of the Earth

Verses for the Old Bailey.  
Sung by the male convicts.

Ted Egan

D A7 D

I'm Michael Reidy, I am from Somerset I must admit to my crime.

9 A7 D E7 A A7

I forged my master's hand. Changed a bank document Now I must serve penal time. I'm not

17 G D G D E A E7 A

really a bad man I thought it was fair, that some of my master's vast wealth I could share.

25 D A G A A7 D

All I can say is: I'll try to survive. Oh yes, Michael Reidy's a man who will thrive. And

34 A7 D E7 A

this judge describes us as Scum of the Earth. Well we've got some bad news for him. If he

42 A7 D A7

reckons he'll beat us or try to defeat us, I'd say that his chances were

48 D G D A7 D

slim, wouldn't you? I'd say that his chances were slim.

Soloman Abraham, yes, I'm light-fingered  
I'm Jewish, a Cockney, a lad  
I pinched a bar of gold  
Then I got nabbed wiff it  
That makes me terrible sad  
I would have used the cash  
Wisely and well  
Made lots of poor folks feel ever so swell  
Now the old Beak has me marked as a failure  
Off you go Solly, you're bound for Australia

Dominic Harvey's me name if you don't mind  
I stole a pistol, it's true  
I am from Lancashire,  
Son of a clergyman  
I have a firm point-of-view  
I am a Union man  
Sworn to be free  
Free from the masters who tyrannise me  
My comrades and I, we have all sworn an oath,  
Our death or our glory, we'll contemplate both

I'm Martin Cosgrove, I was a Highwayman  
I achieved national fame  
I am an Irishman  
Proud of my heritage  
Proud of my fine Irish name  
I don't regret a thing  
Turning to crime  
Bailing up Englishmen, had a good time  
Very enjoyable task to be sure  
Robbing the rich, to give to the poor