

It is *crime* to get away—
 When we rightfully regained
 What was wrongful obtained?

Please-the-court, sir, what is crime?
 What is right, and what is wrong?
 Is our freedom but a song—
 Or the subject of a rhyme?

Argument and Brief of Attorney for the State:

When the State, that is to say,
 We take liberty away—
 When the pad-lock and the hasp
 Leaves one helpless in our grasp,
 It's unlawful then that he
 Even *dreams* of liberty—
 Wicked dreams that may in time
 Grow and ripen into *crime*—
 Crimes of dark and damning shape;
 Then, if he perchance escape,
 Evermore remorse will roll
 O'er his shattered sin-sick soul.

Please the Court, sir, how can we
 Manage people who get free?

Reply of Appellant:

Please the Court, sir, if it's *sin*,
 Where does *turpitude* begin?

Opinion of the Court. Per Curiam:

We—Don't—Make—Law. We are bound
 To interpret it as found.

The defendant broke away;
 When arrested he should stay.

This appeal can't be maintained,
 For the record does not show
 Error in the court below,

And we nothing can infer.
 Let the judgment be sustained—
 All the justices concur.