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CHAIN GANG by SAM COOKE

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[Intro]

G#   Fm
(ooh! aah!) (x2)
I hear somethin saying
G#   Fm   C#   Eb
(ooh! aah! ooh! aah!) (x2)

[Verse 1]
                  G#
(Well, don t you know)
                      C#   **G#**   **Fm**   **G#**
That s the sound of the men working on the chain gang
                      C#   **Eb**   **G#**
That s the sound of the men working on the chain gang

All day long they re singing

G#   Fm   C#   Eb
(ooh! aah! ooh! aah!) (x2)

[Chorus]

(same chords progression)

(Well, don t you know)
That s the sound of the men working on the chain gang
That s the sound of the men working on the chain gang

[Verse 2]

G#   **Fm**
 All day long they work so hard
C#   **Eb**
 till the sun is going down
G#   **Fm**
 Working on the highway and byways
   C#   **Eb**
and wearing, wearing a frown

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G#                                    Fm
  You hear them moaning their lives away
C#              Eb
  Then you hear somebody say


[Chorus]
(verse chords)

That s the sound of the men working on the chain gang
That s the sound of the men working on the chain gang
Can t you hear them saying


[Verse 3]

G#    Fm                      C#
Mm, I m going home one of these days
Eb                       G#
I m going home see my woman
        Fm
Whom I love so dear
    C#                     Eb
But meanwhile I got to work right here


[Chorus]
(verse chords)

(Well, don t you know)
That s the sound of the men working on the chain gang
That s the sound of the men working on the chain gang


[Outro]

All day long they re singing
G#    Fm           C#             Eb
 my, my, my, my, my, my, my work is so hard
        G#              Fm
Give me water, I m thirsty
C#    Eb
  My work is so hard
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