

**Chain Gang**  
**Sam Cooke**

CHAIN GANG by SAM COOKE

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[Intro]

**F** **Dm**  
(ooh! aah!) (x2)  
I hear somethin saying  
**F** **Dm** **Bb** **C**  
(ooh! aah! ooh! aah!) (x2)

[Verse 1]

**F**  
(Well, don t you know)  
**Bb** **F** **Dm** **F**  
That s the sound of the men working on the chain gang  
**Bb** **C** **F**  
That s the sound of the men working on the chain gang  
All day long they re singing  
**F** **Dm** **Bb** **C**  
(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]

**F** **Dm**  
All day long they work so hard  
**Bb** **C**  
till the sun is going down  
**F** **Dm**  
Working on the highway and byways  
**Bb** **C**  
and wearing, wearing a frown

**F** **Dm**  
You hear them moaning their lives away

**Bb** **C**  
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]

**F** **Dm** **Bb**  
Mm, I m going home one of these days  
**C** **F**  
I m going home see my woman  
**Dm**  
Whom I love so dear  
**Bb** **C**  
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  
**F** **Dm** **Bb** **C**  
my, my, my, my, my, my, my work is so hard  
**F** **Dm**  
Give me water, I m thirsty  
**Bb** **C**  
My work is so hard