

Chain Gang
Sam Cooke

CHAIN GANG by SAM COOKE

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[Intro]

F# Ebm

(ooh! aah!) (x2)

I hear somethin saying

F# Ebm B C#

(ooh! aah! ooh! aah!) (x2)

[Verse 1]

F#

(Well, don t you know)

B

F#

Ebm

F#

That s the sound of the men working on the chain gang

B

C#

F#

That s the sound of the men working on the chain gang

All day long they re singing

F# Ebm B 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# Ebm

All day long they work so hard

B C#

till the sun is going down

F# Ebm

Working on the highway and byways

B

C#

and wearing, wearing a frown

F# **Ebm**
You hear them moaning their lives away

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