

Chain Gang
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CHAIN GANG by SAM COOKE

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[Intro]

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A      F#m
(ooh!   aah!) (x2)
I hear somethin saying
A      F#m      D      E
(ooh!   aah! ooh! aah!) (x2)

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[Verse 1]

A

(Well, don't you know)

D **A** **F#m** **A**

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

D **E** **A**

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

All day long they're singing

A **F#m** **D** **E**

(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]

A F#m
All day long they work so hard
D E
till the sun is going down
A F#m
Working on the highway and byways
D E
and wearing, wearing a frown

A **F#m**
You hear them moaning their lives away

D **E**
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]

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