

Chain Gang
Sam Cooke

CHAIN GANG by SAM COOKE

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[Intro]

A F#m

(ooh! aah!) (x2)

I hear somethin saying

A F#m D E

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

[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