

Back on the Chain Gang The Pretenders

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>[Riff]:
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>e-----0-3-----3331---110---00-----
>B-1-----1-----3---331---01-----
>G-----0-----
>D-----
>A-----
>E-----

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opening strum: D A G G D A G G

riff x2

D A G G
I found a picture of you oh
What hijacked my world at nights
To a place in the past we ve been passed out of oh
Now we re back in the fight

Em A
We re back on the train (ooh, ah)
Ohh
A D A G G
 Back on the chain gang

The circumstance beyond our control oh
The fool on TV and the news of the world
Got in the house like a pigeon from hell, oh
Crescending our eyes and descended like flies

Put us back on the train, yeah
Oh
Back on the chain gang

D A G G

riff x2

bridge:
Dm A Dm A and so on
The powers that be
That forces us to live like we do
Bring me to my knees
When I see what they ve done to you

chord comping

I ll die as I stand here today

Knowing that deep in my heart

A Dm

Therefore to ruin one day

A E

For making us part-----

E B A A

I found a picture of you, oh

Those were the happiest days of my life

Like a brick in the baggle was your part, oh

In the wretched life of a lonely heart

F#m B

Now we re back on the train

Ohh

B E

Back on the chain gang

E B E B until end

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D A Em7 D A Em7 (rpt over riff)

D A Em7 Gmaj7/B G

I found a picture of you oh

D A Em7 Gmaj7/B G

What hijacked my world that night

D A Em7 Gmaj7/B G

To a place in the past we ve been cast out of oh

D A Em7 Gmaj7/B G

Now we re back in the fight

Em A Em7 A

We re back on the train hey

Em A D A D A

Aaaah, back on the chain gang

Circumstance beyond our control oh

The phone, the TV, and the news of the world

Got in the house like a pigeon from hell, oh

Threw sand our eyes and descended like flies

Put us back on the train, yeah

Aaaaah, back on the chain gang

D A Em7 D A Em7 D

BRIDGE:

Dm A7 Dm A7 Dm
The powers that be that force us to live like we do
A7 Dm A7 Dm A7 Dm A7
Bring me to my knees when I see what they've done to you
Dm A7 Dm A7 Dm
Well I'll die as I stand here today, knowing that deep in my heart
A7 Dm
They'll fall to ruin one day
A7 E B A
For making us part-----

E B A Amaj7/B A/B
I found a picture of you, oh
E B A Amaj7/B A/B
Those were the happiest days of my life
E B A Amaj7/B A/B
Like a break in the battle was your part, oh
E B A Amaj7/B A/B
In the wretched life of a lonely heart
A B A B
Now we're back on the train, hey
A A/B E
Aaaah, back on the chain gang

B E B E (rpt and fade)

Em7: 0 2 2 0 3 0 Gmaj7/B: 3 2 4 0 0 2
Amaj7/B: x 0 6 6 5 4 A/B: x 7 7 6 5 5

NOTE: If you find Gmaj/B too hard to finger, try Bm in its place. Not as accurate, but a hell of a lot easier.
(from Learning to Crawl, 1983)

Back on the Chain Gang (The Pretenders)

There are about three versions of this already in the archive, but none of them is quite right. This one's a little better; someone sent it to me last fall, and I recently cleaned it up because I wanted to play it.

Unfortunately, this might still have mistakes; I can't check because I don't have the album. I'll have to see if I can get them to play it on the radio...

BACK ON THE CHAIN GANG (The Pretenders)

D A G G D A G G
[intro; slow strum] [hard strum]
D A G G D A G G
[with lead guitar]

D A G Bm - G
 I found a picture of you, ohh oh-oh ohh ohhh
 D A G Bm - G
 Oh, what hijacked my world that night?
 D A G Bm - G
 To a place in the past we've been cast out of, ohh oh-oh ohh ohhh
 D A G Bm - G
 Oh, now we're back in the fight

Em A Em - Em* Asus4 - A - Asus2 - A
 We're back on the train, yeah
 Em A D A G G
 Oh, oh, back on the chain gang

Circumstance beyond our control, ohh oh-oh ohh ohhh
 Oh, the phone, the TV, and the news of the world
 Got in our house like a pigeon from hell (??), ohh oh-oh ohh ohhh
 Oh, threw sand in our eyes, and descended like flies

Em A Em - Em* Asus4 - A - Asus2 - A
 Put us back on the train, yeah
 Em A Em - Em* Asus4 - A - Asus2 - A
 Ohhh, ohhhhh
 D A G
 Back on the chain gang

D A G G D A G G [3 beats]
 [guitar solo, same as second part of intro]

Dm A Dm A (Dm)
 The powers that be that force us to live like we do
 Dm A Dm A
 (..do) Bring me to my knees when I see what they've done to you
 Dm* AaddF* Dm* AaddF*
 [no vocals]

Dm A Dm A (Dm)
 And will I die as I stand here today, knowing that deep in my heart
 Dm A Dm A
 (..heart) They'll fall to ruin one day, for making us part

E B A C#m - A
 [no vocals]

E B A C#m - A
 I found a picture of you, ohh oh-oh ohh ohhh
 E B A C#m - A
 Oh, those were the happiest days of my life
 E B A C#m - A
 Like a break in the battle was your part, ohh oh-oh ohh ohhh
 E B A C#m - A

Oh, in the wretched life of a lonely heart

F#m B F#m - F#m* Bsus4 - B - Bsus2 - B
Now we re back on the train, yeah
F#m A E B A A
Oh, oh, back on the chain gang
E B
Chain gang [repeat and fade]

Funny chords:

Em* : 022003

F#m* : 244225

Dm* : x00231 - x00230 - x00231

AaddF*: x02220 - x02221 - x02220

Intro & Solo:

	D	A
e	-----	-----
B	-7-10-7-/10~	-/10-10-10~
G	-7-	
D (7)-7-		
A		
E		
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e		-----		-----		-----		-----	
B		10-p8--8--8--s7--7--		7--		-----		-----	
G		-----		-----9--9--7b9--7--6--/7--		-----		-----	
D		-----		-----		-----		-----	
A		-----		-----		-----		-----	
E		-----		-----		-----		-----	
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(/=slide, p=pull off, b=bend, ~=vibrato)

For the ending two chords, arpeggiate as follows:

E	B					
e						
B		0			4	
G		1	1		4	4
D	2		2		4	4
A	2			2		
E	0					