

CHAIN GANG

Written by Sam Cooke
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[Intro]

G Em

(ooh! aah!) (x2)

I hear somethin' saying

G Em C D

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

[Verse 1]

G

(Well, don't you know)

C

G

Em

G

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

C

D

G

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

All day long they're singing

G Em C D

(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]

G Em

All day long they work so hard

C D

'till the sun is going down

G Em

Working on the highway and byways

C D

and wearing, wearing a frown

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G **Em**
You hear them moaning their lives away

C **D**
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]

G **Em** **C**
Mm, I'm going home one of these days

D **G**
I'm going home see my woman

Em
Whom I love so dear

C **D**
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
G **Em** **C** **D**
my, my, my, my, my, my, my work is so hard

G **Em**
Give me water, I'm thirsty

C **D**
My work is so hard