Work Song
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Road Map: Intro – V1 – Ch – V2 – Ch – V3 – Inst.Solos – V4

Intro: Em7 – B7 – Em7 – Am7 – Em7 – Am7 – F#7 – B7 – Em7

(V1)

Em7
Breaking rocks out here on the chain gang
Em7
Breaking rocks and serving my time
Em7
Breaking rocks out here on the chain gang
B7
Because they done convicted me of crime

(Chorus)

Em7
Hold it steady right there while I hit it
Am7
well reckon that ought to get it
Em7   Am7
been working and working
F#7   B7   Em7
but I still got the devil on the go

(V2)

Em7
I commited crime Lord I needed
Em7
Crime of being hungry and poor
Em7
I left the grocery store man bleeding
B7
When they caught me robbing his store

(Chorus)

(V3)

Em7
I heard the judge say five years
Em7
On chain-gang you gonna go
Em7
I heard the judge say five years labor
B7
I heard my old man scream "Lordy, no!"

(Chorus) (Inst. Solos)

(V4)

Em7
Gonna see my sweet honey bee
Em7
Gonna break this chain off to run
Em7
Gonna lay down somewhere shady
B7
Lord I sure am hot in the sun

(Chorus)