Oh don't you know
That's the sound of the men
Workin' on the chain gang
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That's the sound of the men
Workin' on the chain gang

All day long they work so hard
'Til the sun's comin' down
Workin' on the highways and byways
And wearin' a frown
I hear them moanin' their lives away
Then you hear somebody say

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Oh I work so
I work so hard
To see my woman
Who I love so dear
But i, I've gotta work right here

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Oh don't you know
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My work is so hard
Give me water
I'm thirsty
Oh i, oh my work is so hard
You hear them moanin' their lives away
Then you hear somebody say

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