

Work Song

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Breaking rocks out here on the chain gang
Breaking rocks and serving my time
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Because they done convicted me of crime Hold it steady right there while I hit it
Well, reckon that ought to get it
Been working and working
But I still got so terribly far to go I committed crime Lord I needed
Crime of being hungry and poor
I left the grocery store man breathing
When they caught me robbing his store Hold it steady right there while I hit it
Well, reckon that ought to get it
Been working and working
But I still got so terribly far to go I heard the judge say five years
On chain-gang you gonna go
I heard the judge say five years labor
I heard my old man scream Lordy, no! Hold it right there while I hit it
Well, reckon that ought to get it
Been working and working
But I still got so terribly far to go Gonna see my sweet honey bee
Gonna break this chain off to run
I'm gonna lay down somewhere shady
Lord, I sure am hot in the sun Hold it right there while I hit it
Well, reckon that ought to get it
Been workin' and workin'
Been workin' and slavin'
An' workin' and workin'
But I still got so terribly far to go

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