

# There Ain't No Good Chain Gang

**Merle Haggard**

Bet it ain't a rainin' back home bet your sister's still on the  
phone  
Bet mama's in the kitchen cookin' fried chicken wishin' that I  
hadn't went wrong  
Oh, but mama don't you worry everything's gonna be alright  
They're teachin' us a lot of new things in here.

There ain't no good in an evil hearted woman  
And I ain't cut out to be no Jesse James  
And you don't go writin' hot checks down in Mississippi  
And there ain't no good chain gang.

Papa's readin' yesterday's mail wishin' that the hay was all ba  
led  
I bet that he's a wishin' we could go fishin'  
Stead of me sittin' here in this ol' damned jail.

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No, there ain't no kinda good in an evil hearted woman  
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