

## 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 bleeding (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  
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