

## Mississippi Sheiks

### "Living in a strain"

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Living In A Strain Trk 14 3:16 (previously unissued)  
Mississippi Sheiks  
1930's Recordings  
Sam Chatmon - bass guitar, (brother) Lonnie Chatmon -  
fiddle  
(brother) Bo 'Carter' - guitar, Walter Vinson - guitar  
Album: Stop & Listen (Yazoo 2006)  
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Now, the people's cryin, 'Mercy'  
But the whole world is now in a strain  
Now, the people's cryin, 'Mercy'  
But the whole world is now in a strain  
I am going to the court house  
And have the judge to change my name

I was out this mo'nin'  
I looked up at the risin' sun  
I was out this mo'nin'  
I looked up at the risin' sun  
And the strain that I'm in  
It will take me two years to overcome

Now, let me tell you boys  
How your friends will treat you  
When you run astray  
Now, let me tell you boys  
How your friends will treat you  
When you run astray  
They won't even come around you  
And call you rather dirty names

(instrumental)

I really believe  
I'm going to have to leave this town  
I really believe  
I'm going to have to leave this town  
Because the strain that I'm in  
It is really carryin' me down

I was out this mo'nin'  
I looked up at the risin' sun  
Was out this mo'nin'  
I looked up at the risin' sun  
But now the strain that I'm in  
It will take me two years to overcome.

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