

## Oscar Brown, Jr. "Work Song"

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Breaking up big rocks on the chain gang  
Breaking rocks and serving my time  
Breaking rocks out here on the chain gang  
'Cause they convicted me of crime

Hold it steady right there while I hit it  
Well, reckon that ought to get it  
Been workin' and workin'  
But I still got so terribly long to go

I committed crime, Lord I needed  
Crime of bein' hungry and poor  
I left the grocery store man bleeding  
When they caught me robbin' his store

Hold it steady right there while I hit it  
Well, reckon that ought to get it  
Been workin' and workin'  
But I still got so terribly long to go

And judges say five years o' hard labor  
On chain-gang you gonna go  
I heard the judge say five years o' labor  
I heard my old man scream, "Lordy, no!"

Oh, hold it steady right there while I hit it  
Well, reckon that ought to get it  
Been workin' and workin'  
But I still got so terribly long to go

Wanna see my sweet honey baby  
Wanna break this chain off to run  
Wanna lay down somewhere shady  
Lord, I sure it's hot in the sun

Hold it right there while I hit it  
Well, reckon that ought to get it  
Been workin' and workin'  
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