

Notes

What do I need to practise?

Do I solo and when?

How will the piece be performed?

What are some suggestions your teacher gave to help your music making?

How do the performers in the recordings make a simple song cool?

Work Song

Alto Sax.



What's a Chain Gang?

This song is all about injustice. Before the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, African-Americans were routinely mistreated. Punishments usually were much more severe than what fit the crime – which was often committed out of desperation (e.g. attempting to put food on the table). Try to put yourself in the shoes of the person in the song: do you think he/she is being treated fairly? (By the way, is the person in the song a man or a woman?)
One more question: what's a chain gang?

Suggested Listening

Work Song

Nat Adderley: *Work Song*

The Animals: *Animalism and Bonus Hits*

Nina Simone: *Ultimate Blues*

Work Song Improvisation Scales

Alto Sax.

A Blues Scale - Am7

A Dorian Scale - Cm7

6 E Mixolydian - E7

12 D Mixolydian - D7

Work Song Chords

Alto Sax.

Am7 E7 D7

Bm7

Work Song

Alto Sax Stack

Adderley
Carson

Am7

Em7 E7

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Am7 A7

Repeat for Solos

D7 B7 E7#5 Am6 Am6 2.