

## 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

Guitar



### 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

Guitar Stack

C Blues Scale - Cm7      C Dorian Scale - Cm7

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TAB: 5 3 5 4 | 3 6 3 6 | 3 4 5 3 | 5 3 7 5 | 3 6 5 3

6 G Mixolydian - G7

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TAB: 5 6 3 5 | 7 3 5 | 3 6 5 3 | 5 4 7 5 | 7 4 5 3 | 5 6 3

12 F Mixolydian - F7

F Mixolydian - F7

TAB: 6 4 3 5 | 3 7 5 3 | 5 7 3 5 | 3 4 6

# Work Song Chords

Guitar

Cm7      G7      F7

6 Dm7

# Work Song

Guitar Stack

Adderley  
Carson

Cm7      G7      Cm7      G7      Cm7

Cm7      G7      Cm7      G7      Cm7

TAB: 3 3 1 3 | 3 3 1 3 | 3 3 1 3 | 0 3 0 3 | 0 0 3 0 0

6 G7      Cm7      G7      Cm7      G7

Gm7      G7

TAB: 0 3 0 3 | 3 3 1 3 | 3 3 1 3 | 3 3 1 3 0 | 0 3 0 3 | 0 0 3 0 0

12 Cm7      G7      F7

Cm7

TAB: 3 0 3 0 | 1 3 0 3 1 3 1 | 1 3 1 3 | 3 3 1 3 3 | 3 1 3 3 3

17 Cm7      F7      G7      Cm7      Cm7      C7

Repeat for Solos

C7      F7      D7      G7#5      Cm6      Cm6      C7

TAB: 4 0 3 | 4 3 3 1 4 | 0 3 1 3 1 3 1 3 | 3

23 F7      D7      G7      Cm7

F7      D7      G7#5      Cm7

TAB: 3