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?

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

C Blues Scale - Cm7

G Mixolydian - G7

F Mixolydian - F7

Work Song Chords

Cm7

G7

F7

Dm7

Score

Vocals 1

Solo 2

Vox 1

Vox 2

Voice

Work Song

Vocals 1

Adderley Carson

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