

D /// A /// G /// D // A // (4x)

I found a picture of you, oo - oo - ooh
 that hijacked my world that night
 To a place in the past we've been cast out of, oo-oooh
 Now we're back in the fight

Em A Em A
 we're back on the train
 Em A D A D A
 Ah-ah, back on the chain gang

D A G D A
 Circumstance beyond our control, oo-oooh
 D A G D A
 The phone, TV, and the news of the world
 D A G D A
 Got in the house like a pigeon from hell, oo-oooh
 D A G D A
 Threw sand in our eyes and descended like flies

Em A Em A
 Put us back on the train
 Em A D
 Aa-ah, back on the chain gang

D /// A /// G /// D // A // (3x)

D to Dm A7 Dm
 The powers that be
 That force us to live like we do
 A7 Dm
 Bring me to my knees
 Dm A7 Dm A7
 when I see what they've done to you
 Dm A7 Dm
 I'll die as I stand here today
 A7 Dm
 Knowing that deep in my heart
 A7 Dm
 They'll fall to ruin one day
 A7 D A G
 For making us part

D A G D A
 I found a picture of you, oo-oooh
 D A G D A
 Those were the happiest days of my life
 D A G D A
 Like a break in the battle was your part, oo-oooh
 D A G D A
 In the wretched life of a lonely heart
 G A G A
 now we're back on the train,
 G A D
 Aa-ah, back on the chain gang

A D A D A D REPEAT AND FADE

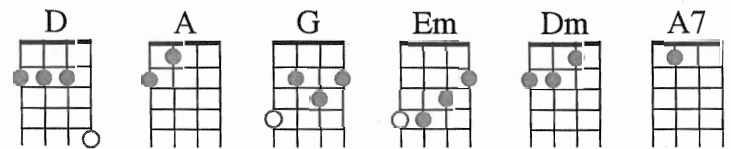
PRETENDERS



Back On the Chain Gang

Released as single by Sire Records in November 1982. It reached number five on the Billboard Hot 100, becoming the band's only Top 5 hit in the U.S..

The song was originally going to be about Ray Davies, leader of the band The Kinks. Lead vocalist & guitarist Chrissie Hynde and Davies were a couple and had a daughter together, but the meaning of the song changed after James Honeyman-Scott, the Pretenders guitarist, died of a drug overdose at the age of 25 in 1982.



... BUT THE PRETENDERS DO A KEY CHANGE

A7 E B A
 For making us part

E B A E B
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E B A E B
 Those were the happiest days of my life

E B A E B
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E B A E B
 In the wretched life of a lonely heart

A B A B
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 A B E
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B E B E B E B E REPEAT AND FADE