

# Back on the Chain Gang - Pretenders 1982 by Chrissie Hynde

YouTube (same key): <https://youtu.be/cMOKamtpUA8>

152 bpm

Intro: **D | A | Em7 | Em7** :|| (x4) (riff over 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> time)

Verse 1:

**D | A | Em7 | Bm G |**

I found a picture of you, ohh-oh-oh ohh-oh-oh

**D | A | Em7 | Bm G |**

What hijacked my world that night

**D | A | Em7 | Bm G |**

To a place in the past we've been cast out of, ohh-oh-oh ohh-oh-oh

**D | A | Em7 | Bm G |**

Now we're back in the fight

Chorus: **Em | A | Em | A |**

Ooh aah ooh aah

We're back on the train, yeah

**Em | A | D | A | D | A |**

Ooh aah

Oh, oh, back on the chain gang

Verse 2:

**D | A | Em7 | Bm G |**

Circumstance beyond our control, ohh-oh-oh ohh-oh-oh

**D | A | Em7 | Bm G |**

The phone, TV, and the news of the world

**D | A | Em7 | Bm G |**

Got in the house like a pigeon from hell, ohh-oh-oh ohh-oh-oh

**D | A | Em7 | Bm G |**

Threw sand in our eyes, and descended like flies

Chorus: **Em | A | Em | A |**

Ooh aah ooh aah

Put us back on the train, yeah

**Em | A | Em | A | D | A | Em7 | Em7**

Ooh aah ooh aah

Oh, oh, back on the chain gang

Instrumental: **D | A | Em7 | Bm G** :|| (x2) **D D | D D |**

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Bridge:

Dm | A | Dm | A

The powers that be that force us to live like we

Dm | A | Dm | A |

do Bring me to my knees when I see what they've done to you

Dm | A | Dm | A |

Dm | A | Dm | A

And I'll die as I stand here today, knowing that deep in my

Dm | A | Dm | A | A |

heart They'll fall to ruin one day, for making us part\_\_\_\_\_

E | B | A | C#m A |

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Verse 3:

E | B | A | C#m |

I found a picture of you, ohh-oh-oh ohh oh-oh

E | B | A | B |

Those were the happiest days of my life

E | B | A | C#m A |

Like a break in the battle was your part, ohh-oh-oh ohh-oh-oh

E | B | A | C#m A |

In the wretched life of a lonely heart

Chorus: A | B | A B |

Ooh aah ooh aah

Now we're back on the train, yeah

A | B | E | B |

Ooh aah

Oh oh, back on the chain gang

Outro: | E | B | F#m7 | A B | E sprong ||

(Intro riff underneath)