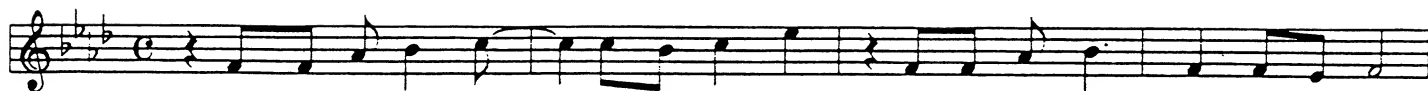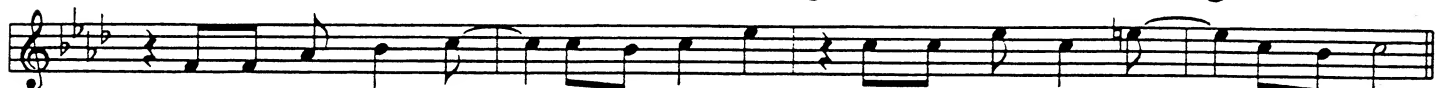# WORK SONG

Nat Adderly/Oscar Brown Jr. 1960

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Break- in' up big rocks   on the chain gang,   break-in' rocks and   serv- ing my time.
I com- mit the crime,   Lawd o' need- in',   crime of be - in'   hun- grey and poor.
Jjudge he say "five years   hard   la - bor,   on the chain gang   you goin' ta go",
Wan - na see my sweet   hon- ey ba - by,   wan- na break this   chain off an run,

C-7   **C7**

Break- in' rocks out here   on the chain gang   'cause I been con - vict - ed of crime.
Left the gro - cer store   man a bleed- in',   when he caught me rob - bin' his store.
heard the judge say 'five   years of lab - or",   heard my wom- an scream   "Lawd- y no",
wan- na lay down some - where it's sha - dy,   Lawd, it sure is hot   in the sun.

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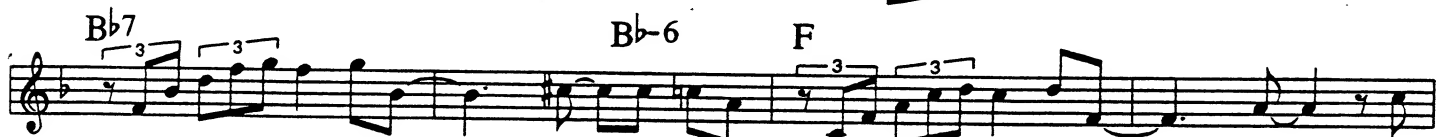Hold it ste- a- dy right there___ while I hit it,   there I reck- on that   ought- ta git it, been

F7   **Bb7**   **G7**   **C7**   **F-**

work- in',   an work- in',   but I still   got so terr- ible long to go___

THINGS AIN'T WHAT THEY USED TO BE

Ellington

F   **F7**

Bb7   **Bb-6**   **F**

C7   **F**

F   **F7**   **Bb7**

F   **C7**

turnaround					
F F7 Bb Bb-			F Ab°7 G-7 C7		

Ending				
F F7 Bb Bb-			F	