

# Oney

ONEY

Recorded by Johnny Cash

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SPOKEN

I dedicate this song to the workin' man  
For ever' man that puts in a hard  
Eight or ten hours a day of work and toil and sweat  
Always got somebody lookin' down his neck  
Tryin' to get more out of 'im  
Than he really ought to have to put in.

CAPO: 1st Fret/KEY: G

G  
After twenty nine long years of workin'

A7

In this shop with Oney standin' o- ver me ...  
D7

To-day when that old whistle blows  
G

I'll check in all my gear and I'll re- tire ...  
The superintendent just dropped by and said  
A7

They'd planned my little get to- gether ...  
D7

Then he said I'd never made it  
G

If old Oney hadn't held me to the fire.

I've seen him in my dreams at night  
And woke up in the mornin' feelin' tired ...  
And old Oney don't remember when I came here  
How he tried to get me fired ...  
With his folded hands behind him  
Every mornin' Oney waited at the gate ...  
Where he'd rant and rave like I committed murder  
Clockin' in five minutes late.

CHANGE TO A:

A  
But today they'll gather 'round me

B7

Like I've seen 'em do when any man retires ...  
E7

Then old Oney's gonna tell me

A

>From now on I'm free to do what I desire ...  
He'll present me with that little old gold watch

B7

They give a man at times like this ...

E7

But there's one thing he's not countin' on

A

Today's the day I give old Oney his.

CHANGE TO C:

C

I've been workin', buildin' muscles

D7

Oney's just been standin' 'round a-get- tin' soft ...

G7

And today about four-thirty

C

I'll make up for every good night's sleep I've lost ...

When I'm gone I'll be remembered

D7

As the workin' man who put his point across ...

G7

With a right hand full of knuckles

C

'Cause today I show old Oney who's the boss.

Hmmmm! What time is it? Four thirty! Hey, Oney! Oney! Ha ha ha ha!