

# I don't even know

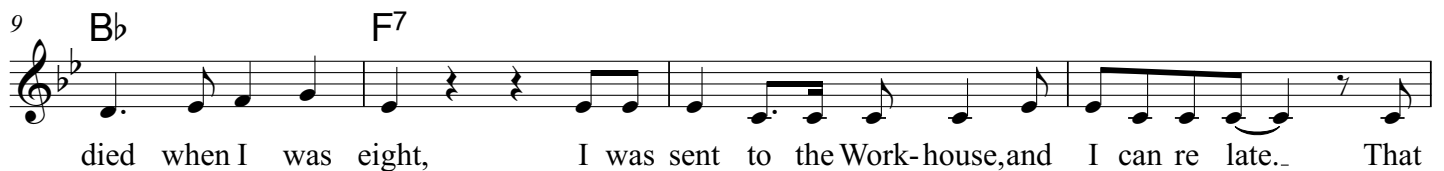
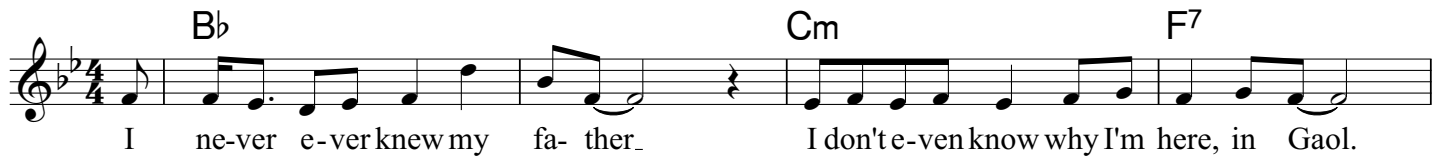
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## Court Scene - Old Baily (1785)

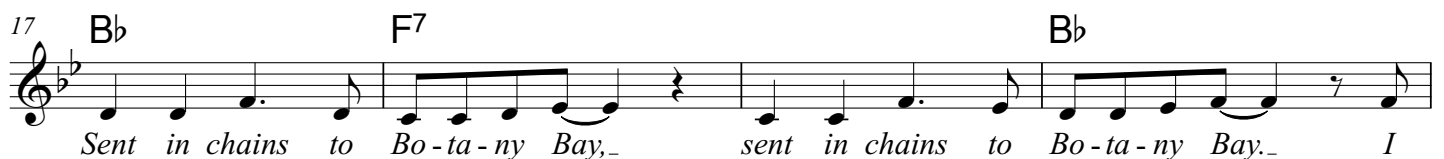
A group of 8-10 children stand, forlorn, in the Court of the Chief Justice. The rich and powerful, now the Jury, look on disdainfully.

The Chief Justice looks to the Jury. They all turn thumbs down, indicate 'Guilty' and the Chief Justice repeats the body movements in affirmation.

There is no dialogue. The children sing their song.



## Chorus



I am from a quite large family  
I, too, do not know why I'm here, in gaol  
I've never been to school at all  
I've been mistreated since I was small  
I stole a loaf of bread  
To feed my poor family, my parents were dead.  
From Newgate Prison, I was dragged that day  
I was sent in chains to Botany Bay.

We are the unlucky children  
We don't even know why we're here, in gaol  
No-one to love us, no-one cares  
God doesn't seem to answer our prayers  
It all seems so unfair  
All this suffering we can hardly bear  
We are the children, taken away  
We were sent in chains to Botany Bay.