



Day Job

First performance: August 28, 1982 at the Oregon Country Fair Site, Veneta, Oregon. "Day Job" appeared as the second set opener, preceding "Man Smart, Woman Smarter." "[West L.A. Fadeaway](#)" also appeared for the first time at this show. Hunter, in his *Box of Rain*, notes that "This song was dropped from the Grateful Dead repertoire at the request of fans. Seriously."

**Maybe you collect or maybe you pay.
Still got to work that eight hour day
Whether you like that job or not,
You'd better keep it on ice while you're
lining up your long shot
Which is to say, hey hey,**

Chorus

**Keep your day job
Don't give it away
Keep your day job
Whatever they say.
Keep your day job
'till your night job pays.**

**Steady boys, study that *eight day hour*....
Never underrate that paycheck power
By now you know that the face on your
dollar
Got a thumb on its nose and a hand on
your collar
Which is to say, hey hey,**

Chorus

Lead over verse and chorus

Verse 3 (Optional)

**Daddy may drive a V-8 'Vette.
Mama may bathe in champagne yet.
God bless the child that's got his own stash,
Nine to five and a place to crash
Which is to say, hey hey,**

Chorus

Verse 4

**Sunday comes forget about work,
Ring that bell for whatever it's worth.
If you ask me like I know you won't,
I'll tell you what to do but I know you won't
Which is to say, hey hey,
Chorus (3x)**



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145bpm

Intro: | A /// | % | B //// | D / E / | A /// |

|-----|-----| -B-----|

|-----|-----|-----|

|-----| 2-2-----2-2-----2-2-----| ---4-----4-----|

| 2-4-2-|-----4-2-----4-2-----5-4-2-----|-----3h4-----2-1h2-|

|-----|-----|-----3-4-| 2-----2h3h4/5-4-5-----|

|-----| -A-----|-----|

|-----D-----| -B-----| -D-----E-----| -A-----E | aug | -Maybe- |

|-----|-----|-----|-----| 5--| -2-----|

| -2-----|-----|-----|-----| 5--| -2-----|

| -2---2-4p3p2---2-| ---4---4-----|-----6---6---6-| 6--| -2-----|

| -0-----3h4---| 2-----2---2-3-4/| -5-4h5-/6p5h6-| -/7---7---7---| 7--|-----|

|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----| -A-----|

	D / A E %
: A / / / % % %	Whether you like that job or not, You'd better
1. Maybe you collect or maybe you pay.	keep it on ice while you're lining up your
Still got to work that eight hour day	long shot Which is to
G	B / / / D / / Cdim7
	say, hey hey,

<p>Chorus</p> <p>A A7</p> <p>Keep your day job</p> <p> ----- ----- -D- </p> <p> ----- ----- ----- </p> <p> <u>2</u>-<u>4</u>-<u>4</u>p3p2---2- ----- </p> <p> -----4----- -0- </p> <p> ----- ----- ----- </p> <p>D Co7</p> <p>Don't give it away</p>	<p>A A7</p> <p>Keep your day job</p> <p> ----- ----- </p> <p> ----- ----- </p> <p> <u>2</u>-1-0--- ----- </p> <p> -----4- -0- </p> <p> ----- ----- </p> <p> ----- ----- -D- </p> <p>D D#dim7</p> <p>Whatever they say.</p>	<p>A F#7</p> <p>Keep your day job</p>	<p> -----F#----- -2- </p> <p> -2----- ----- -0- </p> <p> -2-----3----- -2- </p> <p> -2-----4---4-3-2\1- -1- </p> <p> ---0-----4----- -2- </p> <p> -A---4-3-2-<u>2</u>----- B7- </p>
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<p>B7 D E A 'till your night job pays.</p> <p>D D# E Eaug x7655x</p> <p>(Augmented is #5)</p>	<pre> -E----- --- ----- 2- ----- 2- _2p1h2_0----- 2- -----2-3h4- --- ----- -A- </pre>	<p>A</p> <p>2. Steady boys, study that <i>eight day hour....</i></p>	<pre> ----- ----- ----- _2--2-----2-2--- ----- _4--_4-2-----3-2--- -2-4p2- -----5-4-2-2-4-2-_- ----- ----- ----- ----- </pre>
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<p>Never underrate that paycheck power By now you know that the face on your dollar Got a thumb on its nose and a hand on your collar Which is to say, hey hey,</p>	<p>Chorus (A-D section):</p> <pre> ----- D----- -----5----- ----- ----- -----4-7---7-4--- ----- -----7-5- ---5-----5- -7-6-5-4- ---4-7- 7----- ----- 5----- ----- -A----- ----- D#dim7----- </pre>
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Solo over Verse and Chorus

|-----12-|12-12-12-12-12-12-----|-----|-----|-----10p9-----12|
|-12b14-ho|d-bend-----pb12b|14r12-10-10-----|-10-10-----10-10-----|-10-----13/14---|
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-A-----	-A-----	-----	-----	-----

|12---14-12-----|-----10-9-7-|
|---14-----14\12-10-12b14-12-10-----10-----|-10-----10-----10-10-10-8-|
-----11\9---9-11-9-	---9-11-9---9-11-9-----
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-A-----	-----

-----10--10--10\|-9-----	10-----10-10\|-9-----	-----A-----		
-/10-----10-----	---10---12-----	---10-----	---10---12-9---12-9---	-12-9---12-9---12-
-/11-----	-----9---10/11---	-----11-----	-----9---9---9---9---	-----9---9---
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-----D-----	-A-----E-----D-----	-A-----E-----	-E-----	

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-/8---10-----10-----10/-	-----11-----11-10h11-----	-----
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--B-----	-D-----	-A-----

15~-----15-----	-----	-----	-----12-----
-----/17-----17p16p15p14-	-----10-12-13p12p10-----	-----10-13p10---13-	-13/14---14p13p12---
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|-----|-----|13-----|-----|
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|---A7-----|-D-----|D#o7-----|-A-----|

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|---14---13-14-13p12---|---10-12-13p12p10---|-----10-13p10---13---|
|-12---14-----14-|-/11-----11-|-----11-----11-----|
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-A7-----	-D-----	D#o7-----



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|-13/14-----14-----14p13p12-----|-----11-----|-----12-----12-----15-----15-/17-17-|
|-----|-----14p-|-11-----11-----11-----|-----14-----|
|-----|-----11-14-----|-/13-----13-----/16-----16-----|
|-A-----|F#-----|-----|-----|
|-----|-1-----|-B7-----|D-----|E-----|A-|

|-17-17-17-17-17p16p15p14-----|-----E-----|
|-----15-15-14-15-16-15-16-17--0-0-0--|
|-----1-1-1--|
|-----2-2-2--|
|-----2-2-2--|
|-A-----D-----D#-----0-0-0--|

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<p>Verse 3 (Optional) Daddy may drive a V-8 'Vette. Mama may bathe in champagne yet. God bless the child that's got his own stash, Nine to five and a place to crash Which is to say, hey hey,</p> <p>Chorus</p>	<p>Verse 4 Sunday comes, you can forget about work Ring that bell for whatever it's worth. If you ask me like I know you won't, I'll tell you what to do but I know you won't Which is to say, hey hey,</p>
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<p>Chorus (3x) Keep your day job</p> <pre> -----9----- -----12-10-----10----- -8/9-----12-12- -D -----10/11----- ----- ----- </pre>	<p>D D# E Eaug A</p> <p>Eaug A</p> <pre> ----- --5--2-- --5--2-- --6--2-- --7--0-- ----- </pre>	<p>End Lick</p> <pre> -8b9--5----- -----8-5----- -----8-7-5h6----- -----7~~~ ----- </pre>
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