John Lee Hooker, Five Long Years

(Eddie Boyd)

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I got a job in a steel mill, truckin' steel like a slave
Five years of fright runnin' straight home with all my pay
I been mistreated, you know just what I'm talkin' about
I worked five long years for one woman, she had the nerve to put me out
Yes, yes, yeah

I fin'ly learned to listen, I should a long, long time ago
Next woman I marry, she got to work and bring me some gold, oh yeah
You know just what I'm talkin' about
I worked five long years for one woman, she had the nerve to put me out, oh yeah
It's too bad, too bad