

Hard Times

by Stephen Foster

Arrangement by
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D A D Tuning

D G D G D A

Let us pause in life's pleasures and count its many tears, while we all suffer with the

0	1	2	1	0	2	4	2	1	0	0	1	2	5	5	4	2	2	0	1	1
H P P S																				

D G D G A

poor. There's a song that will linger for ever in our ears, oh, hard times come again no

0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	
0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	4	2	1	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	2	0	1	1

Chorus

D D G D Bm A

more. 'Tis the song, the sigh of the weary. Hard times, hard times come again no more. Many

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	2	2	2	2	1		
0	3	4	5	5	5	6+x	3	3	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	0		
0	2	3	4	4	4	x 4	5	4	7	4	5	4	2	2	1	0	1	0	1

D G Bm G D A D

days you have lingered around my cabin door. Oh, hard times come again no more.

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3	2	1	(P)	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0			
2	2	1	2	4	2	1	0	0	1	2	5	4	2	2	0	1	1	0
P S																		

2) While we seek mirth and beauty, and music light and gay
There are frail forms fainting at the door:
Though their voices are silent, their pleading looks will say,
Oh! Hard times, come again no more.

4) It's a sigh that is wafted across the troubled wave;
It's a wail that is heard upon the shore;
It's a dirge that is murmured around the lowly grave;
Oh! Hard times come again no more.

3) There's a pale drooping maiden who toils her life away
With a worn heart whose better days are o'er.
Though her voice would be merry, it's sighing all the day
Oh! Hard times come again no more.