

# Hard Times (Come Again No More)

(Stephen Foster, 1854)

**D** **G** **D**  
Let us pause in life's pleasures and count its many tears,  
**G** **D** **Em** **A** **D**  
While we all sup sorrow with the poor;  
**G** **D**  
There's a song that will linger forever in our ears;  
**G** **D** **Em** **A** **D**  
Oh! Hard times come again no more.

**D = 002**  
**G = 013**  
**A = 101**  
**Em = 111 or 311**

*Chorus:*

**D** **G D**  
'Tis the song, the sigh of the weary  
**G D Em A**  
Hard Times, hard times, come again no more  
**D G D**  
Many days you have lingered around my cabin door  
**G D Em A D**  
Oh! Hard times come again no more.

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 faces say  
Oh! Hard times come again no more.

*Chorus*

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

*Chorus*

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

*Chorus*