



RESOURCE: LYRICS

HARD TIMES COME AGAIN NO MORE

Composed by Stephen Foster
Lyrics adapted by Martin Riley
Arranged by Stephen Deazley

VERSE 1

Let us pause in life's pleasures and count its many tears.
Let us all sup sorrow with the poor.
There's a song that will linger forever in our ears:
Oh! Hard times come again no more.

CHORUS

It's the song, the cry of the weary:
Hard times, hard times, come again no more.
Many days I have felt your dark shadow cross my door.
Oh! Hard times come again no more.

VERSE 2

There's a hard-working woman who toils her life away,
With a worn heart and head bent to the floor.
But her spirit's unbroken, she sings out all the day:
Oh! Hard times come again no more.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

While we seek mirth and beauty, a song to sing and play,
There are frail forms fleeing from a war.
Though their voices are silent, we know what they would say:
Oh! Hard times come again no more.

CHORUS

VERSE 4

It's a sigh that is carried across the stormy wave,
It's a wail that is heard upon the shore.
It's a prayer that is murmured around a lonely grave.
Oh! Hard times come again no more.

CHORUS