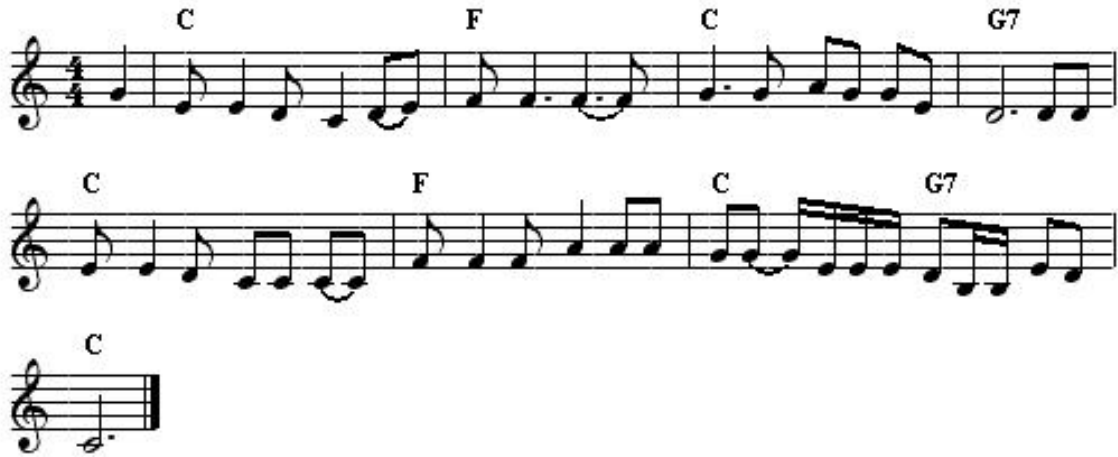


Hard, Ain't It Hard

Woody Guthrie



1. There is a house in this old town,
Where my true love lays around,
He takes other women right down on his knee
And he tells them a little tale he won't tell me.

Chorus:

It's hard and it's hard, ain't it hard
To love one that never did love you
Hard and it's hard, ain't it hard, great God,
To love one that never will be true.

2. First time I seen my true love
He was walkin' by my door
The last time I seen his false hearted smile
He was dead on the barroom floor
3. There is a house in this old town,
That's where my true love lays around.
Takes other women right down on his knee
Tells them a tale that he won't tell me.
4. Don't go to drinkin' and to gamblin',
Don't go there your sorrows to drown.
This hard-liquor place is a low-down disgrace,
The meanest damn place in this town.

The tune and the first verse are derived from "Tavern in the Town". The lyrics are related to "The Butcher's Boy" and other songs related to the "who's going to shoe your foot" tradition like "Storms are on the Ocean".

An adaptation by Woody Guthrie that has been recorded by The Weavers, Pete Seeger, The Kingston Trio and others.