

Hard Times (Come again no more)

Stephen Foster

Verse

Chorus

1. Let us pause in life's pleasures and count its many tears,
While we all sup sorrow with the poor;
There's a song that will linger forever in our ears;
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, 'tis sighing all the day,
Oh hard times come again no more.

Chorus:

Tis the song, the sigh of the weary,
Hard Times, hard times, come again no more
Many days you have lingered around my cabin door;
Oh hard times come again no more.

4. 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.

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.

"Hard Times Come Again No More" is an American parlor song written by Stephen Foster who was born in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania.

It was published in New York by Firth, Pond & Co. in 1854 as **Foster's Melodies No. 28**.

The first audio recording was a wax cylinder by the Edison Manufacturing Company in 1905. It has been recorded and performed numerous times since. The song is **Roud Folk Song Index #2659**.

A satirical version about soldier's food was popular in the Civil War, "Hard Tack Come Again No More".

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