## **Hard Times**

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

It's the song, and the sigh of the weary
Oh! hard times, Hard Times, come again no more
Many days you have lingered all around my cabin door
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 looks will say Oh! Hard Times, come again no more

It's the song, and the sigh of the weary
Oh! hard times, Hard Times, come again no more
Many days you have lingered all around my cabin door
Oh! Hard Times, come again no more

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

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