

## Poor Man's Blues

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Mister Rich Man, Rich Man  
Open up your heart and mind  
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Give the poor man a chance  
Help stop these hard, hard time

While you livin' in your mansion  
You don't know what hard time means  
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You don't know what hard time means  
Oh, workin' man's wife is starvin'  
Your wife is livin' like a queen

Please, listen to my pleadin'  
'Cause I can't stand these hard time long  
Oh, listen to my pleadin'  
Can't stand these hard time long  
They'll make an honest man do things  
That you know is wrong

All man fought all the battles  
All man would fight again today  
All man fought all the battles  
All man would fight again today  
He would do anything you ask him  
In the name of the U.S.A

Now the war is over  
All man must live the same as you  
Now the war is over  
All man must live the same as you  
If it wasn't for the poor man  
Mister Rich Man what would you do?