There's an old man sittin' in a rented room sittin' and watchin 'the wall

Tryin' to remember the good ole days and wonderin' why the kids don't call

They used to go drivin' in the summer sun when his woman was al

Now he reads his Gideon Bible and waits for his welfare check to arrive

He got the hard time hungrys doin' the best that he can Lord the hard time hungrys are spreadin' all over the land

There's a Tennessee housewife shoppin' in the market wearin' he r last used jeans

She picks up a roast then changes her mind

Puts it back down and buys some more beans

Her old man's workin' in the filling station and what's he gonn a say

When he sits down to a table full of nothin' after workin' like a dog all day

He got the hard time hungrys doin' the best that they can I see the hard time hungrys spreadin' all over the land

A Mississippi farmer he's watchin' the sky wondering if it's go nna rain

The payment's due on the tractor Lord and the subsidy's been taken away

And in New York City a taxicab driver screams at the world outs ide

Cause it sure is hot and nobody's got the money for a cross tow n ride

Lord they got the hard time hungrys...

Now I ain't no preacher and I ain't no teacher but one thing's sure as the sun

If the dollar keeps a droppin' and prices keep a risin' the wor st is yet to come

We got the hard time hungrys I feel it touchin' my hand Lord I see the hard time hungrys spreadin' all over the land Yes I see the hard time hungrys spreadin' all over the land