

# Hard Times (No One Knows Better Than I)

Ray Charles

My mother told me before she passed away,  
Said, "Son, when I'm gone, don't forget to pray  
'Cause there'll be hard times, Lord those hard times -  
Who knows better than I?"

Well I soon found out just what she meant  
When I had to pawn my clothes just to pay the rent;  
Talkin' 'bout hard times, hard times  
Who knows better than I?

I had a woman, Lord, who was always around,  
But when I lost my money, she put me down.  
Talkin' 'bout hard times, you know those hard times,  
Yeah, Lord, who knows better than I?

Lord, one of these days, there'll be no sorrow  
When I pass away,  
And no more hard times,  
Yeah, yeah, who knows better than I?  
Yeah, Lord, who knows better than I?