In The Good Old Days (when Times Were Bad)

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We get up before sunup to get the work done up We'd work in the fields till the sun had gone down We've stood and we've cried as we helplessly watched A hailstorm a beating our crops to the ground We've gone to bed hungry many nights in our past In the good old days when times were bad No ammount of money could buy from me the mem'ries that I have of them No ammount of money could pay me to go back and live through it again

I've seen daddy's hands break open and bleed And I've seen him work till he's stiff as a board And I've seen mother lay and suffer in sickness In need of a doctor we couldn't afford Anything at all was more than we had in the good old days when times were bad We've got up before we found ice on the floor Where the wind would blew snow through the cracks in the wall And I couldn't enjoy then havin' the boy friend I had nothin' decent to wear at all So I longed for love that I never had in the good old days when times were bad No ammount of money... In the good old days when times were bad in the good old days w hen times were bad