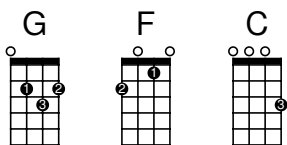


# It's a Hard Life Wherever You Go

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(Intro)

[G]/// [F]/// [C]/// [C]/// [G]/// [F]/// [C]/// [C]///

I am a [G]backseat [F]driver from [C]Ameri[C]ca  
We [G]drive to the [F]left on Falls [C]Road [C]  
And the [G]man at the [F]wheel's name is [C]Seamus[C]  
We pass a [G]child on the [F]corner he [C]knows[C]  
And Seamus [G]says, now what [F]chance has that [C]kid got[C]  
And I [G]say from the [F]back, I don't [C]know [C]  
He [G]says there's [F]barbed wire at [C]all of these [C]exits  
And there [G]ain't no place in [F]Belfast for that [C]kid to go [C]  
  
'Cause it's a [F]hard life, it's[C] a hard life, it's a [F]very hard [C]life  
It's a [G]hard life wher[F]ever you [C]go [C]  
And if we [G]poison our [F]children with [C]hatred[C]  
Then the [G]hard life is [F]all that they'll [C]know [C]  
And there [G]ain't no place in [F]Belfast for [C]that kid to [C]go  
  
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[G]Cafeteria I[F]ine in [C]Chicago[C]  
The [G]fat man in [F]front of [C]me [C]  
Is calling [G]black people [F]trash to his [C]child[C]ren  
And [G]he's the only [F]trash here I [C]see [C]

And I [G]am thinking [F]this man wears a [C]white [C]hood  
In the [G]night when his [F]children should [C]sleep [C]  
But they'll [G]slip to their [F]windows and they'll [C]see him[C]  
And they'll [G]think that white [F]hood's all they [C]need [C]

'Cause it's a [F]hard life, it's a [C]hard life, it's a [F]very hard [C]life

It's a [G]hard life wher[F]ever you [C]go [C]  
And if we [G]poison our [F]children with [C]hatred[C]  
Then the [G]hard life is [F]all that they'll [C]know [C]  
And there [G]ain't no place in [F]Chicago for those [C]kids to [C]go

[G]/// [F]/// [C]/// [C]///

I was [G]a child [F]in the [C]Sixties[C]  
When [G]dreams could be [F]held through [C]T.V. [C]  
With [G]Disney and [F]Cronkite and Martin [C]Luther[C]  
And I [G]believed, I [F]believed, I [C]believed[C]

Now I am the [G]backseat [F]driver from [C]America[C]  
And I am [G]not at the [F]wheel of con[C]trol [C]  
And I am [G]guilty, I am [F]war, and I am the [C]root of all evil[C]  
Lord, and I [G]can't drive on the [F]left side of the [C]road [C]

'Cause it's a [F]hard life, it's a [C]hard life, it's a [F]very hard [C]life  
It's a [G]hard life wher[F]ever you [C]go [C]  
And if we [G]poison our [F]children with [C]hatred[C]  
Then the [G]hard life is [F]all that they'll [C]know [C]  
And there [G]ain't no place [F]in this world for those [C]kids to [C]go  
'Cause it's a [G]hard life wher[F]ever you [C]go [C] (Hold)