

# HARD TIMES (NO ONE KNOWS BETTER THAN I)

WORDS & MUSIC BY RAY CHARLES

A tempo ♩ = 58

Slow blues  
N.C.  
ad. lib.

My moth-er told me, —

'fore she passed a - way; said, "Son when I'm gone, —

don't for-get to pray. 'Cos there'll be hard times, Lord,

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those hard\_\_ times. Whoah, yeah\_\_\_\_ Who knows\_\_ bet-ter than I?"\_\_

Well I soon found\_\_ out

just what she meant,\_\_ When I had to pawn my clothes\_\_




Ped.

just to pay my rent. Talk-in' 'bout hard times, hard.

times. Whoah, yeah. Who knows a well a bet-ter than I?.

Sax Solo

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Piano Solo

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



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E<sup>b</sup>6 6fr F<sup>9</sup> 4fr E<sup>7</sup>b5 3fr E<sup>b</sup>6 6fr A<sup>b</sup>7 4fr

8 I had a wo - man love\_\_\_\_\_

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G<sup>7</sup> 3fr Bdim<sup>7</sup> Cm 3fr Baug

8 who was al-ways\_ a - round.\_\_\_\_\_ But when I lost my\_ mon-ey,\_\_\_\_\_





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B<sup>b</sup>m<sup>7</sup> E<sup>b</sup>9 5fr E<sup>b</sup>aug 4fr A<sup>b</sup>7 4fr Adim<sup>7</sup> 4fr







8 and she\_ put me down\_ Talk- in' 'bout hard\_\_\_\_\_ times,\_\_\_\_\_ you know those\_

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8 hard... 2 Yeah, Lord, who knows bet-ter than

Ped.

8 I? Yeah, Lord, yeah,






8 one of these days, there'll be no more sor - row;







when I \_\_\_\_\_ pass a - way. And no more hard \_\_\_\_\_ times, I said no more










falsetto  
 hard... \_\_\_\_\_ Yeah, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ who knows, \_\_\_\_\_ hey \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, \_\_\_\_\_

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**Slightly hurried**

bet - ter than I? \_\_\_\_\_

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rubato  
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