

Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out

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Medium Slow Blues [Bessie Smith 1929] (♩ = 88)

Verse

8 **C** **E⁷** **A⁷** **D^M** **A⁷** **D^M**
I once lived the life of a mil-lionaire, _ Spending my mon-ey, I did - n't care.

5 **F** **F[#]0⁷** **C/G** **A⁷** **D⁷** **D⁷(b5)** **G⁷**
Always taking my friends out for a good time, _ Buying champagne, _ gin and wine. _ But

9 **C** **E⁷** **A⁷** **D^M** **A⁷** **D^M**
just as soon _ as my dough got low, _ I couldn't find a friend, no place I'd go. _ If I

13 **F** **F[#]0⁷** **C/G** **A⁷** **D⁷** **D⁷(b5)** **G⁷**
ev-er get my hands on a dollar a-gain, I'm gonna squeeze it and squeeze it _ till the eagle grins. _

Chorus

17 **C** **E⁷** **A⁷** **D^M** **A⁷** **D^M** **F** **F[#]0⁷** **C/G** **A⁷** **D⁷**
No-body knows you when you're down and out. In your pocket not one penny, and your friends,

24 **G⁷** **C** **E⁷** **A⁷** **D^M** **A⁷** **D^M**
you haven't an-y. And soon as you get on your feet a-gain, _ Ev-'rybody is your long lost friend. _

29 **F** **F[#]0⁷** **C/G** **A⁷** **D⁷** **G⁷** **C**
It's mighty strange, without a doubt, but no-body knows you when you're down and out. _