

# Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out

Standard Key for Viola

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Medium Slow Blues [Bessie Smith 1929] ( $\text{♩} = 88$ )

**Verse**

1 | F A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G<sub>MII</sub> D<sup>7</sup> G<sub>MII</sub>

I once lived the life of a millionaire, — Spending my mon-ey, I did - n't care.

5 | B<sub>b</sub> B<sup>o7</sup> F/C D<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7(b5)</sup> C<sup>7</sup>

Always taking my friends out for a good time, — Buying champagne, — gin and wine. — But

9 | F A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G<sub>MII</sub> D<sup>7</sup> G<sub>MII</sub>

just as soon as my dough got low, — I couldn't find a friend, no place I'd go. — If I

13 | B<sub>b</sub> B<sup>o7</sup> F/C D<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7(b5)</sup> C<sup>7</sup>

ev-er get my hands on a dollar a-gain, I'm gonna squeeze it and squeeze it till the eagle grins. —

**Chorus**

17 | F A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G<sub>MII</sub> D<sup>7</sup> G<sub>MII</sub> B<sub>b</sub> B<sup>o7</sup> F/C D<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup>

No-body knows you when you're down and out. In your pocket not one penny, and your friends,

24 | C<sup>7</sup> F A<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G<sub>MII</sub> D<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup>

you haven't an-y. And soon as you get on your feet a-gain, — Ev-'rybody is your long lost friend. —

29 | B<sub>b</sub> B<sup>o7</sup> F/C D<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> F

It's mighty strange, without a doubt, but no-body knows you when you're down and out. —