

Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out

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

Verse

1 F A⁷ D⁷ G_{M1} D⁷ G_{M1}

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

5 B^b B^{o7} F/C D⁷ G⁷ G^{7(b5)} C⁷

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

9 F A⁷ D⁷ G_{M1} D⁷ G_{M1}

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

13 B^b B^{o7} F/C D⁷ G⁷ G^{7(b5)} C⁷

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 A⁷ D⁷ G_{M1} D⁷ G_{M1} B^b B^{o7} F/C D⁷ G⁷

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

24 C⁷ F A⁷ D⁷ G_{M1} D⁷ G⁷

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

29 B^b B^{o7} F/C D⁷ G⁷ C⁷ F

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