

Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out

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

Verse

1 B^b D⁷ G⁷ C_{M1} G⁷ C_{M1}

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

5 E^b E^{o7} B^{b/F} G⁷ C⁷ C^{7(b5)} F⁷

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

9 B^b D⁷ G⁷ C_{M1} G⁷ C_{M1}

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

13 E^b E^{o7} B^{b/F} G⁷ C⁷ C^{7(b5)} F⁷

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

Chorus

17 B^b D⁷ G⁷ C_{M1} G⁷ C_{M1} E^b E^{o7} B^{b/F} G⁷ C⁷

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

24 F⁷ B^b D⁷ G⁷ C_{M1} G⁷ C_{M1}

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

29 E^b E^{o7} B^{b/F} G⁷ C⁷ F⁷ B^b

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