

Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out

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

Verse

1 C E⁷ A⁷ D_{MI} A⁷ D_{MI}

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

5 F F^{#o7} C/G A⁷ D⁷ D⁷⁽⁵⁾ G⁷

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

9 C E⁷ A⁷ D_{MI} A⁷ D_{MI}

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

13 F F^{#o7} C/G A⁷ D⁷ D⁷⁽⁵⁾ 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_{MI} A⁷ D_{MI} F F^{#o7} 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_{MI} A⁷ D_{MI}

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

29 F F^{#o7} C/G A⁷ D⁷ G⁷ C

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