

Hard Times

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The sheet music consists of eight staves of musical notation for a single instrument, likely a banjo or guitar. Each staff is in common time (indicated by a '4' at the beginning) and uses a treble clef. The music is presented in tablature, where vertical lines represent the strings and horizontal dashes indicate the position of the fingers. Below each staff, the corresponding fingerings are written in a sequence of numbers. The staves are numbered 1 through 27 from top to bottom.

1 - +9 -9 +10 +10 -9 +10 +11 +11 +10

4 -9 +9 +9 -9 +9 +10 +12 -11 +11 +10 +9

7 -9 +9 +10 -9 +9 +9 +9 -9 +10 +10 -9

11 +10 +11 +11 +10 -9 +9 +9 -9 +9 +10 +12 -11

14 +11 +10 +9 -9 +9 +10 -9 +9 +9 +10 -10

18 +11 +11 +11 -10 +11 -11 +11 +12 -11 +11

23 +10 -9 +9 -9 +9 -9 +10 -9 +9 -9 +10 +10 -9

27 +10 +11 +11 +10 -9 +9 +9 -9 +9 +10 +12 -11

