

# Hard Times

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The sheet music consists of eight staves of musical notation for a six-string guitar. Each staff includes a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. Below each staff is a horizontal line representing the guitar's six strings. Tablature numbers are placed below specific notes to indicate fingerings: +7, -8, +8, +10, -10, +9, +10, -10, +8, +7, +9, +8, -8, +7, +8, +7, -8, +7, +10, -10, +9, +8, -8, +9, +8, -9, +10, -10, +9, +10, -10, +9, +8, -8, +7, -8, +7, -8, +8, -8, +7, -8, +7, -8, +8, +8, -8, +9, +9, -9, +9, -10, +9, +10, -10, +9, +8, -8, +7, -8, +7, -8, +8, -8, +7, -8, +7, -8, +8, +8, -8, +9, +9, -9, +9, -10, +9, +10, -10, +9, +10, -10, +9, +8, -8, +7, -8, +7, -8, +8, -8, +7, -8, +7, -8, +8, +8, -8.

1 - 7 8 8 8 8 8 9 9 8  
4 - 8 7 7 -8 7 8 +10 -10 9 +8 +7  
7 -8 7 +8 -8 7 +7 7 7 -8 +8 +8 -8  
11 +8 +9 +9 +8 -8 +7 +7 -8 +7 +8 +10 -10  
14 +9 +8 +7 -8 +7 +8 -8 +7 +7 +8 -9  
18 +9 +9 +9 -9 +9 -10 +9 +10 -10 +9  
23 +8 -8 +7 -8 +7 -8 +8 -8 +7 -8 +8 +8 -8  
27 +8 +9 +9 +8 -8 +7 +7 -8 +7 +8 +10 -10

