

Hard Times

Stephen Foster (1826-1864)

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 directly beneath the strings to indicate the fret position for each note. The music is divided into measures by vertical bar lines. Measure numbers are provided at the beginning of several staves: 1, 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 23, and 27.

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 -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

