

Hard Times Come Again No More

American parlor song

Text und Melodie: Stephen Collins Foster (1826-1864)

The image shows a set of guitar chords at the top, followed by a musical score for 'Hard Times Come Again No More'. The score consists of ten staves of music, each with a key signature of one sharp (F#), indicating G major. The time signature is mostly common time (4/4). The lyrics are written below the notes, corresponding to the chords above them. The chords used are D, D7, G, Em, A7, and Bm (=Hm). The score includes numbered measures from 1 to 18, with some measures spanning multiple staves.

D D7 G Em A7 Bm (=Hm)

1 Let us pause in life's pleasures and

G D G D Em A7 D
3 count its many tears, while we all suppress sorrow with the poor; there's a

D D7 G D G D Em A7
6 song that will linger forever in our ears. Oh! Hard times come again no

D D G D
9 more. Tis the song, the sigh of the weary;

D Bm Em A7
12 Hard times, hard times, come again no more. Many

D D7 G D G
15 days you have lingered around my cabin door; Oh

D Em A7 D
17 hard times come again no more.

2. While we seek mirth and beauty and music light and gay,
There are frail forms fainting at the door;
Though their voices are silent, their pleading looks will say
Oh hard times come again no more.

3. There's a pale drooping maiden who toils her life away,
With a worn heart whose better days are o'er:
Though her voice would be merry, 'tis sighing all the day,
Oh hard times come again no more.

4. Tis a sigh that is wafted across the troubled wave,
Tis a wail that is heard upon the shore
Tis a dirge that is murmured around the lowly grave
Oh hard times come again no more.