

# Hard Times Come Again No More

Stephen Foster, 1855

♩=100

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The tempo is marked as ♩=100. The score consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff lines. The lyrics are: "Let us pause in life's pleasures and count its many tears While we all sorrow with the poor; There's a song that will linger for - ev - er in our ears; Oh! Hard Times, come ag - ain no more. 'Tis the song, the sigh of the wea - ry; Hard Times, Hard Times, come a - gain no more. Ma - ny days you have ling - ered a - round my ca - bin door Oh! Hard Times, come a - gain no more."

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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.