

How Can A Poor Man Stand Such Times And Live

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[G] [D7] [G] [G] - Simplified intro

Well, the doctor comes ar[D]ound with his face all [G] bright [G]
And he [G] says, "In a little [G] while you'll be all [D] right!" [D7]
Well, all he [G] gives is a humbug [G7] pill
Dose of [C] dope and a great big [Am] bill
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Instrumental:

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Well I remember when dry [D] goods was cheap as [G] dirt [G]
You could [G] take two bits and [G] buy a dandy [D] shirt [D7]
Now we [G] pay three bucks or [G7] more
Maybe get a [C] shirt that another man [Am] wore
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Most preachers well they preach for [D] gold and not for [G] soul [G]
Well, that's what [G] keeps us poor folks always in a [D] hole [D7]
Now, we can [G] hardly get our [G7] breath
Taxed and [C] schooled and preached to [Am] death
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