

What Else Can We Do?

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of four vocal lines. The first line (Voice) has lyrics: 'Dad was out of work, - and Mum washed peop - le's clothes.' with chords Am, G, Am, Am, G, Am above it. The second line (Vo.) has lyrics: 'I was left in - side the house, With my sist - er Rose. These are hard times' with chords G, Am, Em, Am, G below it. The third line (Vo.) has lyrics: 'when you're poor, And there's no work for you. We have to beg for' with chords Am, G, Am, G, Am below it. The fourth line (Vo.) has lyrics: 'food to eat, What else can we do?' with no chords shown below it.

Chorus

These are hard times when you're poor,
And there's no work for you,
We have to beg for food to eat
What else can we do?

1. Dad was out of work,
Mum washed people's clothes,
And I was left inside the house
With my sister Rose.

Chorus

2. I went out to beg for coins
From people in the street.
Rosie followed after me
Begging for food to eat.

Chorus

3. We went back to find Mum,
Her fingers red and sore,
She finished off the washing
Then started to clean the floor.
Chorus

4. Dad came back, but still no work,
Tired and dirty too,
We had so few coins for food
It's a wonder we all grew.

Chorus

5. Now as I grow older,
The days they seem so long,
Just to keep on going,
We need to be so strong.

Chorus