

# Times Is Hard

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Times is hard. Times is tough.  
Nothin's easy. It's all rough.  
There's not much right; so much gone wrong.  
All I can do is play this song.

You're watchin' the news. It all looks bad.  
The worst half-hour you ever had.  
What in God's name is goin' on?  
All I can do is play this song.

You're losin' your job, your house and your car.  
Hittin' rock bottom don't feel that far.  
Nothin' good is gonna come along.  
All I can do is play this song.

Folks are scared watchin' that news.  
Folks feel bad. They're gettin' the blues.  
My poor stomach, it ain't that strong.  
All I can do is play this song.

Times is rough. Times is hard.  
Take a pair of scissors to your credit card.  
Circuit City just said, 'So long.'  
All I can do is play this song.

Who's at fault? Who gets the blame?  
Let's string up Bernie what's-his-name.  
And ask Alan Greenspan to come along.  
All I can do is play this song.

They want your gold, and they'll pay cash.  
The only silver lining is the price of gas.  
Money's short and the odds are long.

All I can do is play this song.

The factory's closed. The bank is bust.  
On the money it says, 'In God We Trust.'  
So pray for all your stocks and bonds.  
All I can do is play this song.

Outta luck. Outta hope.  
I'm wonderin' why I even cast that vote.  
I took that sign offa my front lawn.  
All I can do is play this song.

There's a new man down there in D.C.  
They say he's gonna help you and me.  
They sure know how to bang the gong.  
All I can do is play this song.

Last man in D.C., he had eight years.  
Now the whole damn country is in arrears.  
We got two, three, four wars goin' on.  
All I can do is play this song.

Times is hard. Times is rough.

I guess you folks need some cheerin' up.  
Well it ain't me babe. You got that wrong.  
All I can do is play this song.

You heard it here. I sang it first.  
Don't feel so bad; things are gonna get worse.  
Consider yourselves all strung along.  
All I can do is play this song.

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