

Hard Times (No One Knows Better Than I)  
Words & Music by Ray Charles & Mitch Mitchell  
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A7/6 D6 F#7  
My mother told me before she passed away,

Bm7 Bm7/E D+5 D7  
Said, "Son, when I'm gone, don't forget to pray

G6 Edim D6 B7  
'Cause there'll be hard times, Lord those hard times --

E7/9 E7 G/B A7+5 D6 Cdim Em7 - G/B - A7sus4 - A7  
Who knows better than I?"

A7/6 D6 F#7  
Well I soon found out just what she meant

Bm7 Bm7/E D+5 D7  
When I had to pawn my clothes just to pay the rent;

G6 Edim D6 B7  
Talkin' 'about hard times, hard times

E7/9 E7 G/B A7+5 D6 Cdim Em7 - G/B - A7sus4 - A7  
Who knows better than I?

A7/6 D6 F#7  
I had a woman, Lord, who was always around,

Bm7 Bm7/E D+5 D7  
But when I lost my money, she put me down.

G6 Edim D6 B7  
Talkin' 'bout hard times, you know those hard times,

E7/9 E7 G/B A7+5 D6 Cdim Em7 - G/B - A7sus4 - A7  
Yeah, Lord, who knows better than I?

A7/6 D6 F#7  
Lord, one of these days, there'll be no sorrow

Bm7 Bm7/E D+5 D7  
When I pass away,

G6 Edim D6 B7  
And no more hard times,

E7/9 E7 G/B A7+5 D6 F#7 B7  
Yeah, yeah, who knows better than I?

E7/9 E7 G/B A7+5 D6  
Yeah, Lord, who knows better than I?