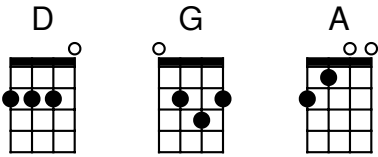


# Hard Times of Old England

Steeleye Span [1975]



[D]Come all brother tradesmen that travel along  
Oh [G]pray come and [A]tell me [G]where the trade is all [D]gone  
Long time have I travelled and I [G]cannot find [D]none  
[D]And sing [A]all the hard times of old [G]Eng-[D]land  
In old [G]England [A]very hard [D]times

[D]Provisions you buy at the shop it is true  
[G]But if you've no [A]money [G]there's none there for [D]you  
So what's a poor man and his [G]family to [D]do  
[D]And sing [A]all the hard times of old [G]Eng-[D]land  
In old [G]England [A]very hard [D]times

[D]You must go to the shop and you'll ask for a job  
[G]They'll answer you [A]there with a [G]shake and a [D]nod  
Well that's enough to make a man [G]turn out and [D]rob  
[D]And sing [A]all the hard times of old [G]Eng-[D]land  
In old [G]England [A]very hard [D]times

[D]You will see the poor tradesmen a-walking the street  
From [G]morning till [A]night for [G]employment to [D]seek  
And scarcely have they got any [G]shoes to their [D]feet  
[D]And sing [A]all the hard times of old [G]Eng-[D]land  
In old [G]England [A]very hard [D]times

[D]Our soldiers and sailors have just come from war  
They've been [G]fighting for the [A]Queen and [G]country 'tis [D]sure  
They've come home to be starved better [G]stayed where they  
[D]were  
[D]And sing [A]all the hard times of old [G]Eng-[D]land  
In old [G]England [A]very hard [D]times

[D]And now to conclude and to finish my song  
Let [G]us hope that [A]these hard times [G]they will not last [D]long  
I hope soon to have occasion to [G]alter my [D]song

[D]And sing [A]all the good times of old [G]Eng-[D]land  
In [G]old England, [A]jolly good [D]times  
[D]And it's [A]all the good times of old [G]Eng-[D]land  
In old [G]England, [A]jolly good [D]times  
[D]And it's [A]all the good times of old [G]Eng-[D]land  
In old [G]England, [A]jolly good [D]times