Poor Man's Blues

Bessie Smith

Mister Rich Man, Rich Man
Open up your heart and mind
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Give the poor man a chance
Help stop these hard, hard timeWhile you livin' in your mansion
You don't know what hard time means
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Po' workin' man's wife is starvin'
Your wife is livin' like a queenPlease, listen to my pleadin'
'Cause I can't stand these hard time long
Oh, listen to my pleadin'
Can't stand these hard time long
They'll make an honest man do things
That you know is wrongAll man fought all the battles
All man would fight again today
All man fought all the battles
All man would fight again today
He would do anything you ask him
In the name of the U.S.A

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