

# How Can A Poor Man Stand Such Times and Live

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Well, the doctor comes around with his face all bright  
And he says, "In a little while you'll be all right"  
All he gives is a humbug pill, dose of dope and a great big bill  
Tell me, how can a poor man stand such times and live? Well there once was a time when every thing was cheap  
But now prices nearly puts a man to sleep  
When we get our grocery bill, we just feel like making our will  
Tell me, how can a poor man stand such times and live? Prohibitions good if it's conducted right  
There's no sense in shooting a man 'til he shows flight  
Officers kill without a cause then they complain about the funny laws  
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?

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