

How Can A Poor Man Stand Such Times And Live

Tab Chords And Lyrics

By Ry Cooder

Capo on 2nd fret

Intro - G-D-G-C-G

Well, the doctor comes around with a face all bright
And he says in a little while you'll be all right
All he gives is a humbug pill - A dose of dope and a great big bill
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?

There once was a time when everything was cheap
But now prices nearly puts a man to sleep
When we pay our grocery bill - We just feel like making our will
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?

BREAK - G-D-G-C-G G-D-A-D G-G7-C-Am ... G-D-G-C-G

I remember - when dry goods - were cheap as dirt
We could take two bits and buy- a dandy shirt
Now we pay three bucks or more - Maybe get a shirt that another man wore
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?

Oh, it's time for every man to be awake

We pay fifty cents a pound when we ask for steak
G G7 C D A D
When we get our package home - A little wad of paper with gristle and a
Am
bone
G D G C G
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?
BREAK - G-D-G-C-G G-D-A-D G-G7-C-Am ... G-D-G-C-G
G D G C G
Most all preachers preach for gold and not for souls
D A D
That's what keeps a poor man always in a hole
G G7 C Am
We can hardly get our breath - Taxed and schooled and preached to death
G D G C G
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?

Break - G-D-G-C-G