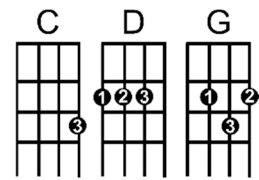


# **HARD TIMES OF OLD ENGLAND** - Traditional



*Intro: 2 bars of [G]*

1. [G] Come all brother tradesmen that travel alone,  
Oh, [C] pray come and [D] tell me where the [C] trade is all [G] gone,  
Long time I have travelled and [C] cannot find [G] none,  
And it's [D] Oh, the hard times of old [G] England,  
In old [C] England [D] very hard [G] times.
2. [G] Provisions you buy at the shop it is true,  
But [C] if you've no [D] money there's [C] none there for [G] you.  
So what's a poor man and his [C] family to [G] do?  
And it's [D] Oh, the hard times of old [G] England,  
In old [C] England [D] very hard [G] times.
3. [G] If you go to a shop and you ask for a job  
They will [C] answer you [D] there with a [C] shake and a [G] nod.  
That's enough to make a poor man to [C] turn out and [G] rob,  
And it's [D] Oh, the hard times of old [G] England,  
In old [C] England [D] very hard [G] times.
4. [G] You will see the poor tradesmen a-walking the street  
From [C] morning till [D] night for [C] employment to [G] seek.  
And scarcely they have any [C] shoes to their [G] feet,  
And it's [D] Oh, the hard times of old [G] England,  
In old [C] England [D] very hard [G] times.
5. [G] Our soldiers and sailors have just come from war,  
Been [C] fighting for [D] King and their [C] country this [G] year,  
Come home to be starved better have [C] stayed where they [G] were,  
And it's [D] Oh, the hard times of old [G] England,  
In old [C] England [D] very hard [G] times.
6. [G] So now to conclude and to finish my song  
Let us [C] hope that these [D] hard times they [C] will not last [G] long.  
And I may soon have occasion to [C] alter my [G] song,  
And sing [D] Oh, the good times of old [G] England,  
In old [C] England [D] jolly good [G] times.  
And sing Oh, the good [D] times of old [G] England,  
In old [C] England [D] jolly good [G] times.