

HARD TIMES Ray Charles

VERSE 1

 D9
My mother told me
F#7
Before she passed away
 Bm Bm7/Bb
Said son when I'm gone
D9 D7
Don't forget to pray
 G Abdim
'Cause there'll be hard times
 D C B7
Lord, those hard times
Bb7 A D A7
Who knows better than I?

VERSE 2

Well I soon found out
Just what she meant
When I had to pawn my clothes
Just to pay the rent
Talkin' 'bout hard times
Lord, those hard times
Bb7 A D A7
Who knows better than I?

[Sax solo/Guitar solo]

D9 F#7 Bm Bm7 D9 D7
G Abdim D C B7 Bb7 A7 D E9 Eb9
G Abdim D C B7 Bb7 A7
Bb7 A7 D E9 Eb9

VERSE 3

I had a woman
Who was always around
But when I lost my money
She put me down
Talkin' 'bout hard times
Hard times
 Bb7 A7 D F9 E9(2) D9
Yeah, yeah, who knows better than I?

 F#7
Lord, one of these days
There'll be no more sorrow
When I pass away
And no more hard times
No more hard times
Yeah, yeah, who knows better than I?

(play single notes: E Eb A Db D and end on D9)

CHORD TAB

	D9	F#7	Bm	Bm7/Bb	D7	G	Abdim	D	C	B7	Bb7	A7
E	5	2	7	7	x	3	4	10	8	7	6	5
b	5	2	7	7	3	3	3	10	8	7	6	5
g	5	3	7	7	5	4	4	11	9	8	7	6
d	4	2	9	7	4	5	3	12	10	7	6	5
a	5	4	9	9	5	5	x	12	10	9	8	7
e	x	2	x	6	x	3	x	10	8	7	6	5