

## **Chris Ledoux**

### **"Hard Times"**

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The ole man stands by the lone chute  
He sold his calves today  
He spits in the dust between his boots  
As the semi pulls away

Slick blue check in his grimy hands  
Shoves down in his coat  
Won't make the payment on the land  
Pay the interest on the note

Oh, it's hard, hard times

A young man with a loving wife  
Two children and a home  
He plans to build a better life  
Put a mortgage on his own

He lost his job when the boom went bust  
Still got bills to pay  
Now he's picking' up cans in the roadside dust  
She's at the Feed-Rack Cafe

Oh, it's hard, hard times

Now the ole gray banker sits behind his desk  
Beneath a worried frown  
He shuffles through the tangled mess  
Of some good folks goin' down

He's known some of 'em for thirty years  
And some point the finger of blame  
No one sees his tears  
The one who shares his name

Oh, it's hard, hard times  
It's hard, hard times

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