

# The Hard Times of Old England

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*traditional*

Come \_\_\_\_\_ all bro - ther trades - men that tra - vel a -

lone \_\_\_\_\_ O, pray come and tell me where the trade is all

gone Long time I have tra - velled and can - not find none

and it's O, the hard times of old Eng - land \_\_\_\_\_

in old Eng - e - land ve - ry hard times \_\_\_\_\_

X:1

T:The Hard Times of Old England

C:traditional

M:3/4

L:1/4

K:G major

G>A | B G A | B G A | B G B |

w:Come\_ | all bro-ther | trades-men that | tra-vel a- |

(A G) F | G A G | F E D/D/ | E C E |

w:lone\_ O, | pray come and | tell me where the | trade is all |

D2 D | G G D | E E C | D E C | D2 ||

w:gone Long | time I have | tra-velled and | can-not find | none ||

G/G/ | A>B c | B A F | G2 D- | D

w:and it's | O, the hard | times of old | Eng-land\_

G>F | E D C | D E F | G3- | G |]

w:in old | Eng-e-land | ve-ry hard times\_

1. Come all brother tradesmen that travel alone O pray come and tell me where the trade is all gone  
Long time I have travelled and cannot find none

**Chorus:** *And it's: O, the hard times of old England In old Eng-e-land very hard times.*

2. Provisions you buy at the shop it is true But if you've no money there's none there for you So what's a  
poor man and his family to do?

[Chorus]

3. If you go to a shop and you ask for a job They will answer you there with a shake and a nod So that's  
enough to make a man turn out and rob

[Chorus]

4. You will see the poor tradesmen a-walking the street From morning till night for employment to seek  
And scarcely they've got any shoes on their feet

[Chorus]

5. Our soldiers and sailors have just come from war Been fighting for their queen and the country, 'tis  
sure Come home to be starved, better stayed where they were

[Chorus]

6. And now to conclude and to finish my song Let us hope that these hard times they will not last long I  
hope soon to have occasion to alter my song:

*And sing: O, the good times of old England In old Eng-e-land jolly good times.*

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