It's the hard-knock life for us!
Instead a' treated, we get tricked!
Instead a' kisses, we get kicked!
It's the hard-knock life!

Got no folks to speak of, so,
It's the hard-knock roe we hoe.
Cotton blankets, instead of wool!
Empty bellies, instead of full!
It's the hard-knock life!

Don't it feel like the wind is always howlin'
Don't it seem like there's never any light!
Once a day, don't you wan'na throw the towel in?
It's easier than puttin' up a fight.

No one's there when your dreams at night get creepy
No one cares if you grow or if you shrink
No one dries when your eyes get wet an' weepy
From all the cryin' you would think this place's a sink!

Ohhhh!!!!!!!

Empty belly life!
Rotten smelly life!
Full of sorrow life!
No tomorrow life!

Santa Claus we never see
Santa Claus, what's that? Who's he?
No one cares for you a smidge
When you're in an orphanage!

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