It's a hard-knock life for us. It's a hard-knock life for us

'Stead of treated. We get tricked

'Stead of kisses. We get kicked

It's the hard-knock life

Got no folks to speak of so . It's a hard-knock row we hoe

Cotton blankets 'Stead a wool

Empty belies 'stead of full its a hard knock life....

Don't if feel like the wind is always howl'n?

Don't it seem like there's never any light!

Once a day, don't you wanna 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 and weepy

From the crying you would think this place would sink oh... oh.

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

It's the hard-knock it's the hard knock

It's the hard-knock life