

Nobody Knows You When You Are Down and Out

written by Jimmy Cox in 1929 and sung by Scrapper Blackwell, Bessie Smith,
Eric Clampton and many others

INTRO:

G **B7** **E** **E7**
Once I lived the life of a millionaire,
Am **E7** **Am**
Spending my money, didn't have a care.
C **G** **E7**
I took all my friends for a mighty good time,
A7 **D7**
Buying bootleg liquor, champagne and wine.

G **B7** **E** **E7**
Then I began to fall so low,
Am **E7** **Am**
I didn't have a friend, and no place to go.
C **G** **E7**
If I get my hands on a dollar again
A7 **D7**
I'm gonna hold on to it 'till them eagles grin.

G **B7** **E** **E7** **Am** **E7** **Am**
Noooo--body knows you-----when you're down and out,
C **G** **E7** **A7** **D7**
In your pocket not one penny, and as for friends, you haven't any;
G **B7** **E** **E7**
But when you get back on your feet again,
Am **E7** **Am**
Everybody wants to be your long lost friend.
C **G** **E7**
It's mighty strange, with-out a doubt,
A7 **D7**
Nobody knows you when you down and out.

Potential
musical
bridge here ▶

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G **B7** **E** **E7**
But when you get back on your feet again,
Am **E7** **Am**
Everybody wants to be your long lost friend.
C **G** **E7**
It's mighty strange, with--out a doubt,
A7 **C**
Nobody knows you, nobody knows you,
A7 **D7** **G**
Nobody knows you when you down and out.

