

Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out

Author: Jimmy Cox (1882 -1925) in 1922 or 1923

First recorded: 1927 (Julia Lee)

Covered by: Julia Lee, Bobby Leecan & Robert Cooksey, Pinetop Smith, Bessie Smith, Count Basie Orchestra, Leadbelly, Scrapper Blackwell, Jimmy Witherspoon, Janis Joplin & Jorma Kaukonen, Otis Redding, Eric Clapton and many many others

Chords and Lyrics:

I

C E A A7 A

Once I lived the life of a millionaire

Dm A Dm

Spent all my money, just did not care

F F#dim C C/B A

Took all my friends out for a good time

D7 G7

Bought bootleg whisky, champagne and wine

II

Then I began to fall so low

Lost all my good friends, I did not have nowhere to go

If I get my hands on a dollar again

I'm gonna hang on to it till that eagle grins, yeah

III

Cause no, no, nobody knows you

When you're down and out

In your pocket, not one penny

And as for friends, you don't have any

IV

When you finally get back up on your feet again

Everybody wants to be your old long-lost friend

Said it's mighty strange, without a doubt

Nobody knows you when you're down and out

V

When you finally get back upon your feet again,

Everybody wants to be your good old long-lost friend

Said it's mighty strange

D7 D#7 E7 F7

Nobody knows you

F7 E7 D#7 D7

Nobody knows you

G7 C F7 C G7 C

Nobody knows you when you're down and out