**[G] Wash up your face, boys, Comb up your head;  
[C] Now get ready for your coffee and bread.  
[G] It's hard times in the Wise County jail; It's [D7] hard times I [G] know.**

**[G] It's a piece of cold meat, And cold corn bread;  
[C] It's so cold it's heavy as lead.  
[G] It's hard times in the Wise County jail; It's [D7] hard times I [G] know.**

**[G] We're in jail And it's so complete;  
[C] About one-half enough to eat.  
[G] It's hard times in the Wise County jail; It's [D7] hard times I [G] know.**

**[G] It almost makes my stomach ache   
[C] When they bring the potatoes In the old tin plate.  
[G] It's hard times in the Wise County jail; It's hard [D7] times I [G] know.**

**[G] We're in jail And it's so nice   
[C] Among the dirt and body lice.  
[G] It's hard times in the Wise County jail; It's [D7] hard times I [G] know.**

**[G] The Wise County jail Is no jail at all;  
[C] The chinches and bugs are walking the wall.  
[G] It's hard times in the Wise County jail; It's [D7] hard times I [G] know.**

**[G] It almost brings me to my knees  
[C] When I hear that jailer Ring them keys  
[G] It's hard times in the Wise County jail; It's [D7] hard times I [G] know.**

**[G] The officers around Norton Are a dirty old crew;  
[C] They will arrest a poor man. And look him plumb through  
[G] It's hard times in the Wise County jail; It's [D7] hard times I [G] know.  
  
[G] His pockets they'll pick And his clothes they'll sell  
[C] For twenty-five cents, They would send him to hell.  
[G] It's hard times in the Wise County jail; It's [D7] hard times I [G] know.**