Hungry little baby on a cold hard floor cryin' for milk but the re ain't no more

We can't get credit at the grocery store that's how it is when you're poor

Cry tears little baby for the future in store I got trouble for a child born poor

Slave all your life not knowin' what for that's how it is when you're poor

There's not enough money to go to school

I can't afford the clothes to fit the social fools

Lord forgive me when I curse the rules but that's how it is when you're poor

Gotta work hard just the bills to be paid

Sixteen hours there's a livin' to be made

Never get ahead just livin' day to day that's how it is when yo u're poor

Hard work buried in the back of my mind

Haven't got much money but have a lotta time

It's been done doin' nothin' but tryin' that's how it is when y ou're poor

Old house needs fix but that'll have to wait

I dream about the life that could be real great

I hope it's not long more it'll be too late but that's how it i

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