

# Nobody Knows You When You're Down and Out

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Once I lived the life of a millionaire  
Spent all my money, didn't have any care  
Took all my friends out for a mighty good time  
Bought bootleg whisky, champagne and wine  
Then I began to fall so low  
Lost all my good friends, I did not have nowhere to go  
I get my hands on a dollar again  
I'm gonna hang on to it till that eagle grins  
'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  
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  
When you finally get back upon your feet again  
Everybody wants to be your good old long-lost friend  
Said it's mighty strange  
Nobody knows you  
Nobody knows you  
Nobody knows you when you're down and out

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