

# **It's the Hard-Knock Life**

*From the musical Annie*

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From the musical *Annie*

# IT'S THE HARD-KNOCK LIFE

for 2-part/S.S.A. voices and piano

Performance time: approx. 2:10

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Driving ♩ = ca. 160-168

**Part I**  
(Soprano I & II)

*mp*  
*stomp*      *clap*

**Part II**  
(Alto)

*mp*  
*swipe hands together, as if brushing them clean)*

**Piano**

5

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*mf*

It's the hard - knock life for us!

*mf*

It's the hard - knock life for us!

N.C.

*mp* *f* *mf*

9

It's the hard - knock life for us!

It's the hard - knock life for us! 'Stead - a treat - ed,

C#m A/C# D

12

we get — tricked! we get — kicked!

'Stead - a kiss - es,

C#m A/C# D C#m A/C# Esus4

15

It's the hard - knock life! *f* It's the hard - knock *mf*

It's the hard - knock life! *f* It's the hard - knock *mf*

E5 A

18

life for us! It's the hard - knock life for us!

life for us! It's the hard - knock life for us!

A C#m A/C# Bm/D

21

*opt. Solo* All *opt. Solo*

'Stead - a treat - ed, we get — tricked! 'Stead - a kiss - es,

we get — tricked!

A/C# Dmaj9

24

## Part I / Sop. I

29

*mp*

we get \_\_\_\_ kicked! Don't it seem like the wind is al - ways

## Part II / Sop. II

*p*

we get \_\_\_\_ kicked!

*Oo* \_\_\_\_\_

## Alto

*p*

we get \_\_\_\_ kicked!

*Oo* \_\_\_\_\_

A/C#

E

Dm7

27

howl - in'?

*Oo* \_\_\_\_\_

Once a

\_\_\_\_ Don't it seem like there's nev - er an - y light?

*oo* \_\_\_\_\_

Cm7

30

day, don't you wan-na throw the towel in? It's eas-i-er than put-tin' up a

*mf*

*p* *mf*

Oo \_\_\_\_\_ It's eas-i-er than put-tin' up a

*mf*

oo \_\_\_\_\_ It's eas-i-er than put-tin' up a

Bbm F#

*mf*

33

fight. No one's there when your dreams at night get creep-y. No one

*mp* *mf*

fight. *p* *mf*

Oo \_\_\_\_\_ No one

fight. *p* *mf*

Oo \_\_\_\_\_ No one

B B7/A Bm7 G/B

*mp*

36

cares if you grow or if you shrink.

cares if you grow or if you shrink. *f* Emp - ty bel - ly life!

cares if you grow or if you shrink.

*mf cresc.* *f*

Am7 Ab/Eb A

39

**Part I/Sop. I & II** *f*

Rot - ten smell - y life!

**Part II/Alto**

C#m A/C# D

42

*f*

No to - mor - row life!

*f*

Full of sor - row life!

C#m D C#m Esus4

45

49

*p* San - ta Claus we nev - er see. *mf* San - ta Claus, what's

*p* San - ta Claus we nev - er see. *mf* San - ta Claus, what's

A A/C# A9/G

*p* cresc.

48

*f* that? Who's he? No one cares for you a smidge

*f* that? Who's he? No one cares for you a smidge

F#m9 Bm7/D A/C# D5

*f*

51

when you're in an or - phan - age. It's the hard - knock

when you're in an or - phan - age. It's the hard - knock

A/C# Esus4

54

57

life!

life!

57

*mf*

It's the hard - knock

*mf*

It's the hard - knock

Esus4

E5

61

*mf*

Yank the whisk-ers from her chin! Jab her with a safe - ty

life for us! It's the hard - knock life for us!

A

*mf*

C#m

A/C#

D

65

pin! We get — tricked! 'Stead - a kiss - es.

'Stead - a treat - ed. Send her to the loon - y bin! 'Stead - a kiss - es.

C#m A/C# D

68

We get — kicked!

It's the hard - knock

C#m A/C# E5 F#sus4

71

74

Yank the whisk-ers from her chin! Jab her with a safe - ty

life for us! It's the hard - knock life for us!

Bb Dm Bb/D Eb

74

pin! We get — tricked! 'Stead - a kiss - es.

'Stead - a treat - ed. Send her to the loon - y bin!

77

We get — kicked! It's the hard - knock life!

It's the hard - knock life!

Dm Bb/D F5 Bb

80

shout

It's the hard - knock life!

shout

It's the hard - knock life!

83