# Hard, Ain’t It Hard

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**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 / [G] / [G]**

The **[G]** first time I seen my **[C]** true love **[C]**

**[G]** He was a-walkin’ by my **[D]** door **[D]**

The **[G]** last time I saw his **[C]** false-hearted smile

**[D7]** Dead on his coolin’ **[G]** board **[G]**

**CHORUS:**

It's **[G]** hard and it's hard, ain't it **[C]** hard **[C]**

To **[G]** love one, that never did love **[D]** you **[D]**

It’s **[G]** hard and it's hard, ain't it **[C]** hard, Great God

To **[D7]** love one, that never will be **[G]** true **[G]**

**[G]** There is a house in this **[C]** town **[C]**

**[G]** That's where my true love lays a-**[D]**round **[D]**

**[G]** Takes other women, right **[C]** down on his knee

**[D7]** Tells them a tale that he won't tell **[G]** me **[G]**

**CHORUS:**

It's **[G]** hard and it's hard, ain't it **[C]** hard **[C]**

To **[G]** love one, that never did love **[D]** you **[D]**

It's **[G]** hard and it's hard, ain't it **[C]** hard, Great God

To **[D7]** love one, that never will be **[G]** true **[G]**

**[G]** Don't go to drinkin’ and a-**[C]**gamblin’ **[C]**

Don't **[G]** go there your sorrows to **[D]** drown **[D]**

This **[G]** hard-liquors place is a **[C]** low-down disgrace

The **[D7]** meanest damn place in this **[G]** town **[G]**

**CHORUS:**

It's **[G]** hard and it's hard, ain't it **[C]** hard **[C]**

To **[G]** love one, that never did love **[D]** you **[D]**

It's **[G]** hard and it's hard, ain't it **[C]** hard, Great God

To **[D7]** love one, that never will be **[G]** true **[G]**

**[G]** Who's gonna kiss my ruby **[C]** lips? **[C]**

**[G]** Who's gonna hold me to their **[D]** breast? **[D]**

**[G]** Who will talk my future **[C]** over **[C]**

While **[D7]** you’re off ramblin’ in the **[G]** West? **[G]**

**CHORUS:**

It's **[G]** hard and it's hard, ain't it **[C]** hard **[C]**

To **[G]** love one, that never did love **[D]** you **[D]**

It's **[G]** hard and it's hard, ain't it **[C]** hard, Great God

To **[D7]** love one, that never will be **[G]** true **[G]**

It was **[G]** late last night when my **[C]** true love come in

**[G]** Rappin’, rappin’ on my **[D]** door **[D]**

**[G]** I jumped out in a **[C]** fit of jealousy

Said **[D7]** “True love, don’t come up here any-**[G]**more” **[G]**

**CHORUS:**

It's **[G]** hard and it's hard, ain't it **[C]** hard **[C]**

To **[G]** love one, that never did love **[D]** you **[D]**

It's **[G]** hard and it's hard, ain't it **[C]** hard, Great God

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