

from the Musical Production ANNIE

# It's the Hard-Knock Life

Lyric by Martin Charnin  
Music by Charles Strouse*Arranged by Mac Huff*

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## RANGES



## PERFORMANCE NOTES

"It's the Hard-Knock Life," from the musical, "Annie," tells of the hardships endured by the children living in a depression-era orphanage. It's one of the most famous songs from the musical. Annie and the children sing the song as they clean their room all night, a punishment received for trying to escape the orphanage.

## CHORAL PREPARATION

Perform the song with great energy and a sense of urgency. To highlight the intensity, accent the quarter notes in the opening theme (meas. 4-23). In meas. 24-40 and 60-76, however, sing with a *legato* style as a contrast to the deliberately accented phrases.

There are several film versions of "Annie" available for viewing. This arrangement mirrors the original film from 1982.

– Mac Huff



## ARRANGER

Mac Huff is one of the leading arrangers and composers in the music industry. He is also an accomplished pianist, performer and teacher. Over the years he has composed and arranged music as well as served as musical director for shows at ABC-TV, NBC-TV, The Walt Disney Co., Hallmark, Inc., the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and Six Flags Show Productions. In addition, he is in demand as a lecturer and guest artist for various music festivals and workshops.



Digital audio includes a full performance track, an instrumental only version, and individual part predominant tracks.

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For 2-Part\* and Piano

Duration: ca. 2:30

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Driving 4, with a tough edge (♩ = ca. 148)

Part I

Part II

Piano

*mf*

*mf*

*mf*

*sim.*

*B<sup>b</sup>*

*A*

5

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

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

*F* *B<sup>b</sup>* *Dm* *B<sup>b</sup>/D* *E<sup>b</sup>*

\*Available separately:  
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'Stead - a - treat - ed we get tricked, 'stead - a - kiss - es

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Dm E $\flat$

we get kicked, It's the hard - knock life!

we get kicked, It's the hard - knock life!

Dm F A B $\flat$

15

Got no folks to speak of, so, it's the hard - knock

Got no folks to speak of, so, it's the hard - knock

F B $\flat$

life. It's the hard - knock

It's the hard - knock

88

life.

life.

91

*Shout*

It's the hard - knock life!

It's the hard - knock life!

93

*Svb*