

**Tough Folks**  
**American Aquarium**

[Intro]

**C G F7 G**

[Verse 1]

**C** **G** **F7** **G**  
I m caught in the shadows, the American South

**C** **G** **F7 G**  
Somewhere between hypocrite and hallelujah

**C** **G** **F7** **G**  
Six generations of barely gettin by

**C** **G** **F7 G**  
Six generations of hey, what s it to ya?

**C** **G** **F7** **G**  
When the only thing harder than the work is the luck

**C** **G** **F7** **G**  
The outcome s as hopeful as the evenin news

**C** **G** **F7** **G**  
And last November I saw firsthand

**C** **G** **F7** **G**  
What desperation makes good people do

[Chorus]

**F7** **G**  
Life ain t fair

**C** **G** **F7**  
Saddle up, boy, and see it through

**G**  
Tough times don t last

**C G F7 G**  
Tough folks do

[Verse 2]

**C** **G** **F7** **G**  
See I come from a long line of Carolina farmers

**C** **G** **F7 G**  
For years, tobacco was the answer

**C** **G** **F7** **G**  
It kept the lights on and put food on the table

**C** **G** **F7 G**  
Til the doctors started callin it cancer

**C** **G** **F7** **G**  
So we took to the hills of the Blue Ridge Mountains

**C** **G** **F7** **G**  
With a harvest of corn and some copper line

**C** **G** **F7** **G**  
And we found you can get a little slice of heaven

**C** **G** **F7** **G**

With some sugar yeast water and a whole lotta time

[Chorus]

**F7**            **G**  
Life ain t fair  
**C**                            **G F7**  
Saddle up, boy, and see it through  
                                 **G**  
Tough times don t last  
                                 **C G F7 G**  
Tough folks do

[Bridge]

**Am**                            **G**                            **F7**                            **C**  
Where I m from a man s only worth the weight of his word and  
**Am**                            **G**                            **C**  
Respect ain t handed out, it s earned  
**Am**                            **G**                            **F7**                            **C**  
I ve been runnin with my back to the wall for seventeen years now  
**Em**                            **F7**                            **G**  
And if it s one thing that I ve learned, it s ...

[Chorus]

**F7**            **G**  
Life ain t fair  
**C**                            **G F7**  
Saddle up, boy, and see it through  
                                 **G**  
Tough times don t last  
                                 **C G F7 G**  
Tough folks do

[OUTRO]

**C G F7 G**