

The school of hard knocks

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Intro: C G C F C

C G
A smooth sea never made a skilful sailor,

C
And an easy life doesn't shape a rugged man,

F
The toughest trees are growing, where the strongest winds are blowing,

C G C F C
As you learn in the school of hard knocks.

F
You'll be isolated, under-rated, be deflated, and berated,

C G
Pushed, and pulled, and shoved, and shook, but you'll come out on top,

C F
And you'll stand up straight, 'cause you'll graduate,

C G C F C
With honours from the school of hard knocks.

G
When you get knocked down, don't stay on the ground,

C F C
When you fail first time, don't give up.

F
When you come to the end of the road, blaze a trail,

C G C F C
Ahead, through the school of hard knocks.

F
You'll be isolated, under-rated, be deflated, and berated,

C G
Pushed, and pulled, and shoved, and shook, but you'll come out on top,

C F
And you'll stand up straight, 'cause you'll graduate,

C G C F C

With honours from the school of hard knocks.

G

The man who's had to scrape himself off the ground,

C

Is the man who'll be standing when the chips are down,

F

He's the man who'll be battling, when the boat's on the rocks,

C

G

C

F

C

'Cause he's roughed it in the school of hard knocks.

F

He's been isolated, under-rated, been deflated, and berated,

C

G

Pushed, and pulled, and shoved, and shook, but he's come out on top.

C

F

Now, he stands up straight, 'cause he's graduated,

C

G

C

F

C

With honours from the school of hard knocks.

F

G

Yes, he stands up straight 'cause he's graduated,

C

G

C

F

C

with honours, from life's School of hard knocks.