Try sliding into the chords, i.e. Db to D; Ab7 to A7; etc.

D                                    D7
I'll tell you something, ain't no joke,
D                      D7
High cost of livin' is keepin' me broke.

CHORUS:
G7                           D
Prices goin' higher, 'way up higher,
A7         G7          D    G7    D    A7
Prices goin' so high, what more can we do?

Walked in a meat market just about noon
Hear them hollerin', "Now the cow jumped over the moon."

CHORUS:

Johnny's gone to war, Jimmy's gone to sea,
But I tell you high prices is killin' me.

CHORUS:

Meat, Butter, and eggs gettin' higher still,
You don't even get go change out of a five-dollar bill.

CHORUS:  [last line is:]
Well, it's no disgrace to be poor, but it's a little unhandy for me.

The horses and the numbers; odds are still the same,
Looks like the prices would raise ten per cent on the game.

CHORUS:  [last line is:]
Prices goin' so high, I don't think I will work no more.