

## HOBSON'S CHOICE

*Lyrics Dave Cohen, Music Karen Wimhurst*

### INTRO

*(Hobson's choice, yes it's Hobson's choice X3)*

### VERSE 1

I'm Thomas Hobson now hear me say  
I came to fame the Cambridge way  
If you wonder what's the cause of my celebrity  
It's 'Hobson's Choice' - that's named after me  
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You're dying to know what the story is of course  
So I'll tell you, it begins with a horse  
Yes, it begins with a horse

### CHORUS

Thomas Hobson ran the Cambridge mail  
His horses galloped the delivery trail  
When they weren't running all around the towns  
Thomas Hobson hired them out to the local gowns  
*(Hobson's choice, yes it's Hobson's choice X3)*

### VERSE 2

I owned forty speedy horses and every one  
Was fast so the gowns liked to race them for fun.  
Each academic asked for his favourite mare  
But I said sorry guys you have to share  
You have to share  
Yes I will decide when to rest or rent each hoise  
You get what you're given - that's Hobson's Choice.  
You get what you're given - that's Hobson's Choice.

### CHORUS

Thomas Hobson ran the Cambridge post  
But hiring out his horses earned him the most  
Oh Hobson's Choice's fame was built upon  
A mention in a famous poem by Mil- ton  
Hobson's Choice, Hobson's Choice, he's a Cambridge man

But it's not just the horses I'm famous for you knew it, (he's a Cambridge man)  
I was the man who brought you Hobson's Con-du-it (he's the man)  
You curse me every time you fall off the seat  
Of your bike when you crash in Trumpington Street  
But that ditch saved lives of many Cambridge son and daughter  
Delivering the town's *(the town's)* first clean fresh water

### CHORUS

Thomas is best known for Hobson's Choice  
But that's not the only reason we rejoice  
His conduit saved lives, that's why we say  
You should celebrate his name up to this day  
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