

John Cougar Mellencamp

"Rain On The Scarecrow"

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(John Mellencamp/George M. Green)

Scarecrow on a wooden cross, blackbird in the barn
Four hundred empty acres that used to be my farm
I grew up like my daddy did, my grandpa cleared this
land

When I was five I walked the fence while Grandpa held
my hand

CHORUS

Rain on the scarecrow, blood on the plow
This land fed a nation, this land made me proud
And son I'm just sorry there's no legacy for you now
Rain on the scarecrow, blood on the plow
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The crops we grew last summer weren't enough to pay
the loan

Couldn't buy the seed to plant this spring and the
Farmers Bank foreclosed

Called my old friend Schepman up to auction off the
land

He said John it's just my job and I hope you understand
Well calling it your job ol' hoss sure don't make it right
But if you want me to I'll say a prayer for your soul
tonight

And Grandma's on the front porch with a Bible in her
hand

Sometimes i hear her singing, "Take me to the
Promised Land."

When you take away a man's dignity he can't work his
fields and cows

There'll be blood on the scarecrow, blood on the plow
Blood on the scarecrow, blood on the plow
Well there's ninety-seven crosses planted in the
courthouse yard

Ninety-seven families who lost ninety-seven farms
I think about my grandpa and my neighbors and my
name

And some nights I feel like dyin' like that scarecrow in
the rain

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