

John Cougar Mellencamp

"You've Got To Stand For Somethin'"

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I've seen the Rolling Stones
Forgot about Johnny Rotten
Saw the Who back in '69
Saw Bobby Seal
Talkin' to the Panthers
Sayin' just what he had on his mind
I saw Marlon Brando
On a motorcycle
He was actin' out rebellion
I saw Rocky Stallone
In an X-rated movie
Called the "Italian Stallion"
I've seen a lot of things
But I have not seen a lot of other things
CHORUS
(But I know)
You've got to stand for somethin'
Or you're gonna fall for anything
You've gotta stand right up for somethin'
Or you're gonna fall...for anything
I saw Nikita Krushchev
Kissin' Fidel Castro
Saw a man walkin' on the moon
I saw Miss America
In a girly magazine
I bet you saw that too
I've seen the London Bridge
In the middle of the desert
Seen 33 years go by
I know the American people
Paid a high price for justice
And I don't know why
Nobody seems to know why
I know a lot of things
But I don't know a lot of other things...yeah yeah yeah
CHORUS
Well I've been to Harlem County
And I've seen Paris, Texas
And I've spent some time in Rome
I know a lot of funny people
In a lot of funny places

But the Midwest is my home
We've got to start respectin' this world
Or it's gonna turn around and bite off our face
CHORUS

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