

John Mellencamp

"Rain On The Scarecrow"

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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 a fence while grandpa held
my hand

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
Rain on the scarecrow, blood on the plow

The crops we grew last summer weren't enough to pay
the loans
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"

Hey, 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 swing 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
And ninety-seven families who lost ninety-seven farms
I think about my grandpa, my neighbors and my name
And some nights I feel like dyin' like that scarecrow in

the rain

Rain on the scarecrow, blood on the plow
This land fed a nation, yeah, this land made me proud
And son, I'm just sorry, they're just memories for you
now
Rain on the scarecrow, blood on the plow
Rain on the scarecrow, blood on the plow

Rain on the scarecrow, blood on the plow
Yeah, this land fed a nation, this land made me so
proud
Son, I'm just sorry they're just memories for you now
Rain on the scarecrow, blood on the plow
Rain on the scarecrow, blood on the plow

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