

## John Mellencamp

### "The West End"

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Well the West End now  
The West End then  
Went by the other day  
Just to see my friend  
His house was dark  
His socks were thin  
I told him let's get out the West End

For my whole life  
I've lived down in the West End  
But it sure has changed here  
Since I was a kid  
It's worse now  
Look what progress did  
Someone lined their pockets  
I don't know who that is

Well my old man slaved  
Down here in the West End  
He thought the future was bright  
Way back then  
But it beat him down  
Till he had nothing to give  
It broke his back  
Took away his will to live

Now me  
I don't think much of the West End  
Ain't gonna end up  
Like the old man did  
'Cause I got dreams and they're bigger than this  
As far as I'm concerned  
You can keep the West End

Well I guess down here  
In the West End  
Broken promises  
Now and then  
It's not even fair  
To think that they would  
'Cause the West End now

Ain't no damn good

Out there somewhere  
You know there's gotta be a place  
Where a man can live  
With a smile on his face  
And every day something new begins  
But it ain't down here  
At the West End

Some day down here  
In the West End  
No one will remember  
How the whole place began

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