

# John 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

Saw Marlon Brando on a motorcycle  
He was actin' out rebellion  
I saw Rocky Stallone in a X-rated movie  
Called the "Italian Stallion"

I've seen lots of things  
But I have not seen a lot of other things but I know

You've got to stand for something  
Or you're gonna fall for anything  
You've gotta stand right up for somethin'  
Or you're gonna fall for anything

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 a 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

You've got to stand for something  
Or you're gonna fall for anything  
You've gotta stand right up for somethin'  
Or you're gonna fall for anything, yeah yeah yeah

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

You've got to stand for something  
Or you're gonna fall for anything  
You've gotta stand right up for somethin'  
Or you're gonna fall for anything

Yeah yeah, you've got to stand for something  
Or you're gonna fall for anything  
Yeah, you've gotta stand right up for somethin'  
Or you're gonna fall for anything, yeah yeah

You've got to stand for something  
You've gotta stand right up for somethin', yeah yeah  
yeah

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