

# John Prine

## "Taking A Walk"

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A man came to our house  
I believe it was yesterday  
I would have invited him in  
But I didn't have a lot to say

His anticipation  
Of me opening the door  
Outweighed my apprehension  
As it never had before  
And drove my concentration  
Right through that hardwood floor

I'm taking a walk  
I'm going outside  
I'm taking a walk  
I'm just getting by

There's a girl in the White House  
I don't even know her name  
Her disheveled appearance  
Speaks volumes of shame

It's an embarrassing situation  
But a situation just the same  
The way she walks on others  
And never takes the blame  
Upsets my constitution  
Beyond its mortal frame

I'm taking a walk  
(Taking a walk)  
I'm going outside  
(Going outside)

I'm watching the birds  
(Taking a walk)  
I'm just getting by  
(Just getting by)

Found a card in the pocket  
Of my worn out overalls  
From a girl in Cedar Rapids

Now residing in Idaho Falls

I wish you could've been there  
When she opened up the door  
And looked me in the face  
Like she never did before  
I felt about as welcome  
As a Wal-Mart Superstore

I'm taking a walk  
(Taking a walk)  
I'm going outside  
(Going outside)

I'm taking a walk  
(Taking a walk)  
I don't need a ride  
(Just getting by)

I'm watching the birds  
(Taking a walk)  
Flying so high  
(Going outside)

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