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Kenny Price "Poverty"

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There's a way of life that most folks don't even know about

When the cotton crop fails and the garden dries up because of the drought

And your only clothes're hangin' on your back and they're all wornout

And there's patches on the patches on your knees The night wind whistles through the cracks and holes in the bedroom walls

The high water comes and it takes your house barn and all

You work like a dog to raise a fat hog and he dies in the fall

It's trouble and strife in the way of life called poverty Poverty is a broken down shack and a greedy landlord And your money crop beaten down by the summer storm

And you never see Washington's head on a greenback dollar

Poverty is a wishing to the Lord that you've never been born

[steel]

Try to catch a rabbit in a knee deep snow for somethin' to eat

But all you catch is a winter cough and frozen feet The rabbits done gone and you gotta go home without any meat

Wouldn't be so bad if there wasn't six kids depended on me

We'd starve to death a long time ago hadn't been for ole blue

Blues mold hound dog and he's a good in two He'll catch them coons where there ain't no coons he'll see us through

This trouble and strife in the way of life called poverty Poverty is a broken down shack...

[harmonica]

Poverty is a workin' six days from dawn to dusk Seventh day is Sunday and go to church you must When they pass their heads around you just sit there with your head hung down

Cause you ain't got between you and the devil and the deep blue see It's trouble and strife in the way of life called poverty It's trouble and strife in the way of life called poverty

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