

## Merle Haggard

### "A Working Man Can't Get Nowhere Today"

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For years I've been bustin' my rear  
To make a livin' but it ain't made  
For years I've been tryin' to pay off my bills  
But they ain't paid.

i owe every dime I make, every sould I know  
The higher up I reach the further down I go  
And this old broken back of mine is all I've got to show,  
and anyway  
A working man can't get nowhere today.

Lord, a working man can't get nowhere today  
A working man ain't got no time to play  
Today I work my fanny off and leave it lay  
A working man can't get nowhere today.

--- Instrumental ---

I pay my income tax and the government gives back  
What I got coming, Lord, but it ain't much  
I paid my child support 'cause I'm a law abiing sort  
And easy touch, yet I starve myself to death.

Tryin' to keep my family fed, I keep my budget tight  
Tryin' to keep myself ahead but I'd still be dee in debt  
The day that I fall dead, that's why I say  
Lord, a working man can't get nowhere today.

Well a working man can't get nowhere today  
A working man ain't got no time to play  
Tonight I work my fanny off and leave it lay  
A working man can't get nowhere today.

A working man can't get nowhere today...

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