

**Mike + the Mechanics****"Poor Boy Down"**

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He's a poor boy in his pocket  
he's a poor boy in his shoes.  
he's done his time  
he's stood in line  
that boy has paid his dues.

He ain't looking for a handout  
he's just looking for a start  
he don't hate anyone  
he don't carry a gun  
you can tell that kid is smart.

So you can'  
t keep that poor boy down  
you can be unkind  
you can rob him blind  
but you can't keep that poor boy down.  
you can lie and cheat  
you can chain his feet  
but you can't keep that poor boy down.

And all down throughout the ages  
the kid's been treated rough  
just take a look  
in any history book  
you can see that times were tough.

Now we move up to the nineties  
up to the 21st  
one day he'll stand  
a full grown man  
and be the same as all of us.

So you can't keep that poor boy down  
you can lock him up  
you can break his cup  
but you can't keep that poor boy down.

You can fight and steal  
you can drag your heels  
but you can't keep that poor boy down

You can kick his ass  
if the kid's got class  
you can't keep that poor boy down.

Let's stop the truck  
go back and pick him up  
you can't keep that poor boy down.

Let him go!!

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