

Randy Newman

"Rednecks"

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Last night I saw Lester Maddox on a TV show
With some smart ass New York Jew
And the Jew laughed at Lester Maddox
And the audience laughed at Lester Maddox too

Well, he may be a fool but he's our fool
If they think they're better than him, they're wrong
So I went to the park and I took some paper along
And that's where I made this song

We talk real funny down here
We drink too much and we laugh too loud
We're too dumb to make it no Northern town
We keepin' the niggers down

We got no-necked oilmen from Texas
And good ol' boys from Tennessee
And college men from L.S.U.
Went in dumb, come out dumb too

Hustlin' 'round Atlanta in their alligator shoes
Gettin' drunk every weekend at the barbecues
We keepin' the niggers down

We're rednecks, we're rednecks
We don't know our ass from a hole in the ground
We're rednecks, we're rednecks
We keepin' the niggers down

Now your northern nigger's a Negro
You see, he's got his dignity
Down here we're too ignorant to realize
That the North has set the nigger free

Yes, he's free to be put in a cage in Harlem in New York
City
And he's free to be put in a cage
In the South-Side of Chicago, the West-Side
And he's free to be put in a cage in Hough in Cleveland
And he's free to be put in a cage in East St. Louis

And he's free to be put in a cage in Fillmore in San

Francisco

And he's free to be put in a cage in Roxbury in Boston
They're gatherin' 'em up from miles around
Keepin' the niggers down

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We don't know our ass from a hole in the ground
We're rednecks, we're rednecks
We keepin' the niggers down
We are keepin' the niggers down

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