

# Rednecks

Randy Newman

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 keepin' the niggers down  
We are keepin' the niggers down