

# American Middle Class

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chorus

tear this poorhouse down when you know how to build it back, hammer and nail between your heart and your  
hometown 'til you can carry this country on your backmama glued the Keds sign on the back of my little white  
shoes

daddy never crossed the picket line, it was hard but we made it through

only had one little pair of stonewashed jeans with a label on the back

i'm a product of the never give up American middle classchorusi got my education at a school they could afford  
scholarships went to the rich and the grants went to the poor

so i stood behind the little downtown bar for spending money, books, and gas

to be a certified member of the work too much American middle classnow daddy can't get his pension or Social  
Security

worked thirty damn years in a coal mine feeding welfare families

struggle hard and hide it well, you sure ain't rich and you sure as hell ain't poor enough to get one little break  
'cause everything would collapse

without the hardworking God-loving members of the American middle classchorus

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