

# Company Man

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Started workin' here when I was 21  
Summer of '56, my life had just begun  
Back then this place was some place to be  
Thought I could grow with the company Never took a dime, never raised a fuss  
Right is right, even for those of us  
Who make a dollar while the man makes ten  
They say hard work pays off in the end  
Everything I got, I got from my own hands  
Never wanted to be no company man So I kept my eyes open, and my mouth shut  
Saw my workload increase, and my pay get cut  
Bought a house, started a family  
Still had some faith in the company Hard times hit '67 late  
Heaven musta opened up the flood gates  
My wife, she left me for some other guy  
And in my heart, guess I always knew why She was never gonna understand  
Never wanted to be no company man '79 brought a dose of reality  
We'd all heard the rumors about the company  
One day they shut us down, throughout the south  
Keepin' my job meant movin' out So I got hired on at the local factory  
Couldn't see uprootin' my whole family  
Never thought I'd be startin' over at this stage  
Takin' shit from some punk half my age No retirement, no hospital plan  
Never wanted to be no company man Long since retired now from the factory  
Hardly ever think about the company  
Kinda lonesome now the kids are grown  
Moved away, families of their own Got me a little house and a piece of land  
Never wanted to be no company man  
Sometimes in this world you got to make a stand  
Never wanted to be no company man

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