

# Country Gentleman

[John Mellencamp](#)

Country gentleman walked a crooked mile  
Got our money in his pocket  
Did it all with a very handsome smile  
Now, he's living it up in a great big officeHe ain't a-gonna help no poor man  
He ain't a-gonna help no poor man  
He ain't a-gonna help no poor man  
He's just gonna help his rich friendsHe ain't a-gonna help no women  
He ain't a-gonna help no children  
He's just gonna help his rich friendsCountry gentleman, we see him on TV  
Glad handing folks and chatting to the nation  
We never knew what really to believe  
Just word upon slogan with emotional connectionAnd in the papers all we'd ever read is  
So and so big-shot signed his resignation  
Now, country gentleman he wants us to believe  
That he's kind and honest with the best intentionsHe ain't a-gonna help no poor man  
He ain't a-gonna help no children  
He ain't a-gonna help no women  
He's just gonna help his rich friendsCountry gentleman, now there's a bird that flew  
High above his nation, prayed on its weakness  
Picked our bones and threw it in his stew  
Thank God he went back to CaliforniaHe ain't a-gonna help no poor man  
He ain't a-gonna help no children  
He ain't a-gonna help no women  
He's just gonna help his rich friends

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