

# Rednecks

Randy Newman

[Intro]

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

[Verse 1]

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

[Verse 2]

We got no-necked oilmen from Texas  
Good ol' boys from Tennessee  
College men from LSU  
Went in dumb, come out dumb too  
Hustlin' 'round Atlanta in their alligator shoes  
Gettin' drunk every weekend at the barbecues  
They're keepin' the niggers down

[Chorus]

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

[Verse 3]

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

[Verse 4]

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 on the South-Side of Chicago  
And 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

[Bridge]

They're gatherin' 'em up from miles around  
Keepin' the niggers down

[Chorus]

Lyrics provided by <https://www.songlyrics.band/>