Rednecks

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Last night I saw Lester Maddox on a TV show With some smart-ass New York jew 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 songWe talk real funny down here We drink to much, we laugh too loud We're too dumb to make it in no northern town We're keeping the niggers down We got no-necked oil men from Texas Good Ol' Boys from Tennessee College men from LSU Went in dumb, come out dumb too Hustling around Atlanta in their alligator shoes Getting drunk every weekend at the barbecues And keeping the niggers downWe're rednecks, we're rednecks We don't know our ass from a hole in the ground We're rednecks, we're rednecks We're keeping the niggers downNow your nothern nigger's a "negro" You see, he's got his dignity But down here we're too ignorant to realize 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 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 the Fillmore San Fransisco And he's free to be put in a cage in the Roxbury in Boston They're gatherin' them up for miles around Keeping the niggers downWe're rednecks, we're rednecks We don't know our ass from a hole in the ground We're rednecks, we're rednecks

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