

RAIN ON THE SCARECROW - JOHN MELLENCAMP

INTRO: CHORDS: F#m A E - 8x'S

F#m A E F#m A E
Scarecrow on a wooden cross Blackbird in the barn
F#m A E F#m A E
Four hundred empty acres that used to be my farm
F#m A E F#m A E
I grew up like my daddy did My grandpa cleared this land
F#m A E F#m A E
When I was five I walked the fence while grandpa held my hand

CHORUS:

D E
Rain on the scarecrow Blood on the plow
D E
This land fed a nation This land made me proud
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And Son I'm just sorry there's no legacy for you now

F#m A E F#m A E
Rain on the scarecrow Blood on the plow
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Rain on the scarecrow Blood on the plow

The crops we grew last summer weren't enough to pay the loans
Couldn't buy the seed to plant this spring and the Farmers Bank
foreclosed

Called my old friend Schepman up to auction off the land
He said John it's just my job and I hope you understand
Hey calling it your job ol' hoss sure don't make it right
But if you want me to I'll say a prayer for your soul tonight

And grandma's on the front porch swing with a Bible in her hand
Sometimes I hear her singing "Take me to the Promised Land"
When you take away a man's dignity he can't work his fields and cows

There'll be blood on the scarecrow Blood on the plow
Blood on the scarecrow Blood on the plow

INSTRUMENTAL: PLAYED LIKE INTRO..... (VERSE AND CHORUS)

VERSE:

**Well there's ninety-seven crosses planted in the courthouse yard
Ninety-seven families who lost ninety-seven farms
I think about my grandpa and my neighbors and my name
And some nights I feel like dyin' Like that scarecrow in the rain**

CHORUS:

**Rain on the scarecrow Blood on the plow
This land fed a nation This land made me proud
And Son I'm just sorry they're just memories for you now
Rain on the scarecrow Blood on the plow
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CHORUS:

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OUTRO: F#m A E -- 8X's END ON F#m