

# Tom Lehrer, Selling Out

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Selling out (I'd rather call it compromise)  
Is easy to do (sometimes you have to close your eyes)  
It's not so hard (being rich is no disgrace)  
To find a buyer for you (put on your shoes and join the race)  
When money talks (it has a very soothing voice)  
You're under its spell (it's up to you to make the choice)  
Ah, but whaddya have when there's nothing left to sell?  
(Before you know it there'll be nothing left to sell)  
("Last two lines come simultaneously")

You can't always break the rules  
People who try are fools  
When you get older, maybe then you will see  
I've always found ideals  
Don't take the place of meals  
And that's how it is and how it will always be

It's so nice to have integrity  
I'll tell you why  
If you really have integrity  
It means your price is very high  
So remember when you start to preach and moralize  
That we all are in the game, and brother its name is compromise  
("Repeat all verses simultaneously")