

# Harry Chapin, I Don't Want To Be President

Just after I was born, my father said to everyone  
That I would be the President one day  
You're a natural politician, boy, get it in your head  
And you know that it might just turn out that way  
So through all the years of my childhood  
There more important things than to play  
I started caring for my country and my fellow man  
And this is what I would always say  
I'd say, I don't want to be President  
But I want to help the poor and the helpless people  
I really don't want to be President  
But if I'm elected I promise to be faithful  
I graduated college with my law degree  
I was a young man on the move, they always say  
I was helping my community, committed to the people  
I was working as a citizen, to build a better day  
They persuaded me to run for Congressman  
They said from Congress you could do much more good  
And you've got to have the power if your changing things  
And I was hoping to do everything I could for the people  
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Time is a march where the powerful are drummers  
Big business, big labor, big oil  
And soon I was meeting with the men who ran the country  
The men who owned the sky and the soil  
Oh, I became a Senator, a man to be reckoned with  
Playing golf with millionaires, and speaking on TV  
And when they talked of potential presidential candidates  
Most often talked about, and most prominent was me  
Well, I got the nomination, ran a campaign of conscience  
I stood for peace and brotherhood and for prosperity  
And on the day of the election I went home to my mansion  
When the people had spoken, they'd elected me  
But I don't want to be President