

# John Mellencamp, Hard Times For An Honest Man

One man  
Does his work  
He's not satisfied  
Not at all  
Feels like  
That he is being used  
His self respect starts to fall  
His frustration  
Runnin' very very high  
He takes it out  
On the one he loves  
Because it's safe  
And who they gonna tell  
And he hates the cold-bloodedness  
That runs inside

[Chorus:]  
Oh yes  
It's hard times  
For an honest man  
Very very very hard times  
Hard times for an honest man  
Very very very hard times

Sister  
She's got a lot of pride  
You can see it when she walks into the room  
But she's young  
And she's unaware  
Of what a brutal world can do to you  
So she loves a man  
He lies like a dog  
Tears her little world all apart  
So the walls go up  
For the rest of her days  
And there ain't no man can touch this girl's heart

[Chorus]  
So we walk  
From the front porch to the back yard  
Just to laugh and say hello and say good-bye  
But some days are hard, like a soldier's steel-toed boots  
And the rent we pay to stay here gets high

[Chorus]