

How Can A Poorman Stand Such Times And Live

Bruce Springsteen

Well, the doctor comes 'round here with his face all bright
And he says "in a little while you'll be alright"
All he gives is a humbug pill, a dose of dope and a great big b
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Tell me, how can a poor man stand such times and live?

He says "me and my old school pals had some might high times do
wn here
And what happened to you poor black folks, well it just ain't f
air"
He took a look around gave a little pep talk, said "I'm with yo
u" then he took a little walk
Tell me, how can a poor man stand such times and live?

There's bodies floatin' on Canal and the levees gone to Hell
Martha, get me my sixteen gauge and some dry shells
Them who's got got out of town
And them who ain't got left to drown
Tell me, how can a poor man stand such times and live?

I got family scattered from Texas all the way to Baltimore
And I ain't got no home in this world no more
Gonna be a judgment that's a fact, a righteous train rollin' do
wn this track
Tell me, how can a poor man stand such times and live?