

# Let's Stop Pretending

Merle Haggard

Let's stop pretending the whole world is happy  
And the wrong things we're doin' are right  
Old faded blue jeans with a patch on the pocket  
Won't wipe out what keeps us uptight.

This song I'm singin' won't be worth my time  
If you don't understand what I mean  
Let's stop pretending that pole cats don't smell  
And dirty ole hatbands are clean.

We're all on vacation with no peace of mind  
And really not havin' much fun  
We need some noses back down on the grindstone  
Cause we've got some work to be done.

Let's stop complainin' and face up to life  
And weed out the bad seed we've sown  
Let's keep in mind we're the home of the brave  
For the sake of ole Glory alone.

Let's stop pretending we know all the answers  
And bow down our thick heads and pray  
Denying the problems we now have upon us  
Won't keep them hard times away.

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