

# Rednecks by Randy Newman

Last night I saw Lester Maddox on a TV show  
 With some smart-ass New York Jew  
 And the Jew laughed at Lester Maddox  
 And the audience laughed at Lester Maddox too  
 Well, he may be a fool but he's our fool  
 If they think they're better than him they're wrong  
 So I went to the park and I took some paper along  
 And that's where I made this song

We talk real funny down here  
 We drink too much and we laugh too loud  
 We're too dumb to make it in no Northern town  
 Keepin' the niggers down

We got no-necked oilmen from Texas  
 And good ol' boys from Tennessee  
 And college men from LSU  
 Went in dumb - come out dumb too  
 Hustlin' 'round Atlanta in their alligator shoes  
 Gettin' drunk every weekend at the barbecues  
 Keepin' the niggers down

We're rednecks, we're rednecks  
 We don't know our ass from a hole in the ground  
 We're rednecks, we're rednecks  
 We're keeping the niggers down

Now your northern nigger's a Negro  
 You see he's got his dignity  
 Down here we're too ignorant to realize  
 That the North has set the nigger free

Yes he's free to be put in a cage  
 In Harlem in New York City  
 And he's free to be put in a cage in the South-Side of Chicago, the West-Side  
 And he's free to be put in a cage in Hough in Cleveland  
 And he's free to be put in a cage in East St. Louis  
 And he's free to be put in a cage in Fillmore in San Francisco  
 And he's free to be put in a cage in Roxbury in Boston  
 They're gatherin' 'em up from miles around  
 Keepin' the niggers down

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 And we don't know our ass from a hole in the ground  
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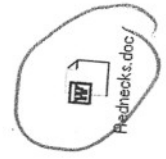
This is just an incomplete draft and I haven't added your douglas factors yet. Also under the third charge, spec  
 # 3 the bold is just my thoughts on how to respond. The line is where I ended for now. I would like your  
 opinion on the direction this letter is going, but don't worry about making changes or corrections to the body  
 of the letter, until I send you the next draft tomorrow.

Also only for your review is a copy of the lyrics from the song Mr. Lewis referred to.  
 Thanks, Ros



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**Lewis-FAA Case**  
 8/2012 FLRA filing  
**Ex. # 49**

*While she was finishing the draft of the removal decision letter, LR/ER Specialist Marable sent this to Mark Deplasco, who was Acting District Manager. Here, Ms. Marable is forwarding the entire song lyric – which is all about ignorant racism and uses the n-word many times – as if to imply Lewis (who is white) was running around singing this song (and making other improper comments) like some out-of-control racist. In truth, Lewis' sole offense (which he immediately admitted to) was that he used the n-word once, quoting one line, in a conversation with ATCS James Swanson about oppression/hazing in ATC training. On the evening before, Mr. Swanson (who is black) set up his laptop in the tower cab and shared multiple episodes of "Boondocks" on DVD, during which the n-word was used dozens of times in a cartoon about the stupidity of racism.*

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