

**Paper In Fire**  
**John Mellencamp**

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**A E B5**  
Well the dream burned up like paper in fire

Chorus:

**D B5**  
Paper in fire, stinkin up the ashtray  
**A E**  
Paper in fire, smokin up the alley ways  
**A E**  
Who s to say the way a man should spend his days  
**A E B5**  
Do you let them smolder like paper in fire?

He wanted live with no involvement  
So he chased the wind that s all his silly life required  
And the days of vanity went on forever  
And he saw his days burn up like paper in fire

Chorus

Interlude

**D B5 D E D B5 E A D B5**

There is a good life right across this green field  
And each generation stares at it from afar  
But we keep no check on our appetites  
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Chorus

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          **E/B**               x22100  
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