

John Oaks
Neil Young

Intro: F G G F G

Verse:

G F G
John Oaks is in the neighborhood
G F G
Protecting all the trees
G F G
He s the master of irrigation
G F G
And he knows what he sees

Verse:

G F G
Grape farmers watering everywhere
G F G
Pipes running where they please
G F G
John sees his laws are broken
G F G
Trees drowning where they breathe

Verse:

G F G
Now John used to be a mellow man
G F G
Drinking Chai and smoking weed
G F G
Ain t no one in the county
G F G
Ever see d whatever he see d

G E E7
John Oaks,
E E7
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E E7
John Oaks,

Verse:

G F G
Old John rides in his pickup
G F G
With rakes and friends in the back
G F G
Workers he takes with him
G F G
Then he drives them all back

Verse:

G F G
To protect them from the politicians
G F G
Using them to get ahead
G F G
Preying on the people
G F G
Trying to get inside their heads

Verse:

G F G
John Oaks is really stand-up
G F G
He won't take shit lying down
G F G
He calls it like he sees it
G F G
And he puts his money down

G E E7
John Oaks,
E E7
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E E7
John Oaks,

Verse:

G F G
One day at the demonstration
G F G
John Oaks was standing up
G F G
He arrived there at the location

G F G
In his old pickup truck

Verse:

G F G
Took a rake in his hand
G F G
And his workers by his side
G F G
Stood there waiting for his turn
G F G
To speak and turn the tide

Verse:

G F G
When he found himself surrounded
G F G
By police everywhere
G F G
They tried to take his workers to jail
G F G
When he grabbed one by his hair

G E E7
John Oaks,
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Verse:

G F G
Shots rang out and people yelled
G F G
As the police took control
G F G
Shot a black man right where he fell
G F G
With a sniper on the knoll

Verse:

G F G

John Oaks saw law and order

G F G

Was leading him astray

G F G

Tried to get back in his pickup

G F G

With his workers to get away

Verse:

G F G

That s when the police moved in

G F G

And stood there in his way

G F G

John started up his pickup

G F G

And that was his last day

G E E7

John Oaks,

E E7

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E E7

John Oaks,

E E7

John Oaks,

Instrumental/Solo:

F G

F G

F G

F C G

Verse:

G F G

They said he had a pistol

G F G

When the old pickup backfired

G F G

And shot him there behind the wheel

G F G

And then John Oaks expired

Verse:

G F G

The workers grabbed the rakes

G F G

And that s all that I can say

G F G

They went to the cemetery

G F G

And they stay there to this day

G E E7

John Oaks,

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John Oaks,

John Oaks

OUTRO:

E E7

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John Oaks,

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