

The Dirty Jobs Anthem

(As performed on-air by Mike Rowe and Dave Barsky)

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Mike Rowe (spoken):

“...(but) If either one of us had a shred of talent, I’d do exactly as you suggest. I’d write a simple little tune and dedicate it to all the hard-working folks who invited us into their homes this last year. They rolled out the welcome mat, even if it was brown and dirty, and poo-covered. We’re grateful!”

Verse 1:

Now everyone who’s got a job has got his dues to pay
Workin’ for a paycheck and gettin’ through the day
But if you’re bored or otherwise inclined to be a slob
Grab some boots and lose that suit and get a dirty job!

Fight a fire or tread a tire or ride a garbage truck
Save a seal or mix a meal or manage miles of muck
Misbehave inside a cave with 40 million bats
Find some friendly roaches in a sewer filled with rats!

Chorus:

Dirty jobs they’re everywhere just take a look around
Down the street or up the stairs or even under ground
You don’t need to borrow beg and you don’t need to rob
All you got to do is get yourself a dirty job!
All you got to do is get yourself a dirty job!

Mike Rowe (spoken):

“Thing is, dirty jobs aren’t hard to find. Heck if you look for them they’re pretty much everywhere. If you know what I’m saying...”

Verse 2:

Smelly loads and foul commodes all need to be addressed
Chimney sweeps and chicks that peep can make an awful mess
Wrangle herds of cranky birds that bite and kick and stomp
Mine for coal or dig a hole or navigate a swamp!

Dig for clams or handle ham or work with stingin’ bees
Clean a dump or lift a pump or labor out at sea
Run a rig or chase a pig find vomit from an owl
Change your course and shoe a horse or reach inside a cow!

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Mike Rowe (spoken):

“Listen, we found over a hundred of these jobs in the last year. Believe me, they’re out there! Follow your nose...”

Verse 3:

Cleanin’ skulls, collecting balls or workin’ down a drain
Killin’ bugs or picking spuds or separatin’ grain
Sweat and toil or drill for oil or tear apart a float
Pull a teat or chip concrete or shave an ornery goat!

Drive a nail, replace a rail or disembowel a fish,
Tackle grime or grow some slime inside a Petri dish
Tar a roof or clean a hoof or handle poison toads
Brew some beer or drag a deer across a busy road!

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Mike Rowe (spoken):

“What are you gonna’ do? Spend the rest of your life sitting behind that desk in that air conditioning? Come on! Get outside! Get your hands dirty!”

Verse 4:

Now dirty jobs don’t guarantee no great big pile of loot
There ain’t no perks or fancy cars or golden parachutes
The pension plan is also-ran; the pay is far from rich
But dirty jobs will keep you far from office politics!

So don’t be scared or unprepared to tackle something rank
Pick up gum or have some fun inside a septic tank
Don’t begrudge a little sludge or working in a pit
But always ask to wear your mask when cleaning pigeon sh... Gee whiz!

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Dave Barsky (Basso Profundo):

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