

## Billy Bragg - To have and to have not

Billy Bragg on careers and values and employment. Listen to the song and fill in the missing words.

Up in the morning and out to school  
Mother says there'll be no \_\_\_\_\_ next year  
\_\_\_\_\_ once the golden rule  
Are now just pieces of paper

Just because you're better than me  
doesn't mean I'm \_\_\_\_\_  
Just because you're going forwards  
doesn't mean I'm going \_\_\_\_\_

If you'll look the part you'll get the \_\_\_\_\_  
In last year's trousers and your old school shoes  
The truth is son, it's a buyer's market  
They can afford to pick and \_\_\_\_\_

Just because you're better than me  
doesn't mean I'm \_\_\_\_\_  
Just because you're going forwards  
doesn't mean I'm going \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ are closing and the army's full  
I don't know what I'm going to do  
But I've come to see in the Land of the Free  
there's only a \_\_\_\_\_ for a chosen few

Just because you're better than me  
doesn't mean I'm \_\_\_\_\_  
Just because you're going forwards  
doesn't mean I'm going \_\_\_\_\_

At twenty one you're top of the scrapheap  
at sixteen you were top of the \_\_\_\_\_  
all they taught you at school  
was how to be a good \_\_\_\_\_.  
The \_\_\_\_\_ has failed you, don't fail yourself

Just because you're better than me  
doesn't mean I'm \_\_\_\_\_  
Just because you're going forwards  
doesn't mean I'm going \_\_\_\_\_

0.) Explain the following terms from the song:

buyer's market – scrapheap – land of the free – they can afford to pick and choose

1.) Describe the person this song is about

2) Imagine that you are the person who this song is about; write an inner monolog.

Solution

**Billy Bragg - To have and to have not**

Up in the morning and out to school  
Mother says there'll be no work next year  
Qualifications once the golden rule  
Are now just pieces of paper

Just because you're better than me  
doesn't mean I'm lazy  
Just because you're going forwards  
doesn't mean I'm going backwards

If you'll look the part you'll get the job  
In last year's trousers and your old school shoes  
The truth is son, it's a buyer's market  
They can afford to pick and choose

Just because you're better than me  
doesn't mean I'm lazy  
Just because you're going forwards  
doesn't mean I'm going backwards

The factories are closing and the army's full  
I don't know what I'm going to do  
But I've come to see in the Land of the Free  
there's only a future for a chosen few

Just because you're better than me  
doesn't mean I'm lazy  
Just because you're going forwards  
doesn't mean I'm going backwards

At twenty one you're top of the scrapheap  
at sixteen you were top of the class  
all they taught you at school  
was how to be a good worker.  
The system has failed you, don't fail yourself

Just because you're better than me  
doesn't mean I'm lazy  
Just because you're going forwards  
doesn't mean I'm going backwards