

Bob Dylan - Gotta Serve Somebody

Look at the words in the list on the right. Would you like to be one of these people? Why?

I don't want to be a businessman because it's a boring job, but I want to be rich.

Can you guess where some of the words go from the context?

Listen to the song and put the words in the list into the correct gaps.

You may be an ¹ _____ to England or France
You may like to gamble, you might like to dance
You may be the ² _____ of the world
You may be a ³ _____ with a long string of pearls.

addict
ambassador
businessman
chief
city councilman
construction worker
devil
doctor
heavyweight champion
landlord
mistress
preacher
rich
socialite
state trooper
thief

Chorus
But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed
You're gonna have to serve somebody,
It may be the ⁴ _____ or it may be the Lord
But you're gonna have to serve somebody.

You may be a rock 'n' roll ⁵ _____ prancing on the stage
You may have money & drugs at your commands, women in a cage
You may be a ⁶ _____ or some high degree ⁶ _____
They may call you ⁷ _____ or they may call you ⁸ _____.

You may be a ⁹ _____, you might be a young turk
You may be the head of some big TV network
You may be ¹⁰ _____ or poor, you may be blind or lame
You may be living in another country under another name.

You may be a ¹¹ _____ working on a home
You may live in a mansion or you may be living in a dome
You may own guns and you might own tanks
You may be somebody's ¹² _____, you might even own banks

You may be a ¹³ _____ with your spiritual pride
You may be a ¹⁴ _____ taking bribes on the side
You may be working in a barber shop, you may know how to cut hair
You may be somebody's ¹⁵ _____, you may be somebody's heir.

You may like to wear cotton, might like to wear silk
You might like to drink whiskey, might like to drink milk
You may be eating caviar, you might like to eat bread
You may be sleeping on the cold floor, or in a king-sized bed.