

# Ballad of Hank Williams

Hank Williams Jr.

Don tell us how it really was when you was workin' with daddy

Well in 1950 I took a little nip  
Along with Mr. Williams on the way to Mississipp'  
We was stacked 8 deep in a Packard limousine  
And we met this promoter in the town of New Orleans

Now the man told daddy that he had what it took  
And he liked the way he sang and he liked the way he shook  
He said, pretty soon he'd make us all rich  
And we started believin' that fat sum bitch

Daddy told the man if you wanna make some dough  
Take a little money and book me on a show  
And we played them dates and we filled the places well  
But hank, he'd done blowed the profits all to hell

'Cause he'd run through a 10 and he'd run through a 20  
And he'd run through a 100 just as fast as it could go  
Like a big dose of sauce to a little bitty fella  
He'd spend a \$1000 dollars on a \$100 dollar show

Hank looked at me with a funny lookin' grin  
Said, "I've been to the opry and I'm goin' back again"  
We met the owner in a little office there  
And a big fat fella with some artificial hair

He told Hank, he wanted half of everything he made  
Or he'd have to tell Audrey 'bout some women Hank had laid  
And you told daddy, he'd better get smart  
Get rid of them fellas and make a new start

And he fired my ass and he fired Jerry Rivers  
And he fired everybody just as hard as he could go  
He fired old Cedric and he fired Sammy Pruitt  
And he fired some people that he didn't even know

Well, every song he made it went to number one  
Y'all was workin' like hell and you was havin' fun  
We was ridin' every day and playin' every night  
And every 20 minutes some of us had a fight

Now, daddy he was makin' money hand over fist  
And y'all was getting' screwed but you wasn't getting kissed  
Yeah, I told him to pass a little bit around  
But he said, he'd rather send it to his folks in Alabam'

So he fired your ass and he fired Jerry Rivers  
And he fired everybody just as hard as he could go  
He fired old Cedric and he fired Sammy Pruitt  
And he fired some people that he didn't even know

Now the owner of the opry, he's a-doin' pretty good  
He's got a music company that they call Cedarwood  
And Hank played nothing but sold out halls  
And I was pumpin' gas in greasy overalls

'Cause he fired my ass and he fired Jerry Rivers  
And he fired everybody just as hard as he could go  
He fired old Cedric and he fired Sammy Pruitt  
And he fired some people that he didn't even know

Hank run through a 50 and he'd run through a 100  
And he'd run through a 1000 just as hard as he could go  
Buying Cadillac coots paying double alimony  
And he fired some people that he didn't even know

Don you know, you know, you used to work for me one time  
I sure know that come but come to think of it you fired my ass back in 1972  
Oh, well it's a family tradition ya know?  
Yap yap yap yap  
But I kept Jerry Rivers  
Right, right