

# Down in the Orange Grove

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I learned to drive my daddy's old pickup truck  
Down in the orange grove  
I'd nearly get a whippin' when I'd get the truck stuck  
Down in the orange grove  
I wore out my first pair of Brogan shoes  
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And that's where I learned how to sing the blues  
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I learned to pray to the lord up above  
The very first time I ever tasted love was  
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You learn the value of a dollar when the sun gets hot  
Down in the orange grove  
The boss wants more and you give it all you've got  
Down in the orange grove  
We'd have to light the smudge pots when it'd come a freeze  
Down in the orange grove  
And work all night just to save the trees  
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I never will forget all the lessons I learned  
Or the work I did for the money I earned  
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Well the big freeze came; now the trees are gone  
Down in the orange grove  
They cleared the land and they've built new homes  
Down in the orange grove  
Then the canker hit back in '84  
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Now there's shopping malls and grocery stores  
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It made a lot of people happy when the progress came  
But deep down I know it won't be the same  
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