## **These Are My People**

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Well we grew up down by the railroad tracks Shootin' b.b.'s at old beer cans Chokin' on the smoke from a lucky strike Somebody lifted off of his old man We were football flunkies Southern rock junkies Crankin' up the stereo Singin' loud and proud to gimme three steps Simple Man, and Curtis Lowe We were good you know

We got some discount knowledge at the junior college Where we majored in beer and girls It was all real funny 'til we ran out of money And they threw us out into the world Yeah the kids that thought they'd run this town Ain't runnin' much of anything We're just lovin' and laughin' And bustin' our asses And we call it all livin' the dream

These are my people This is where I come from We're givin' this life everything we've got and then some It ain't always pretty But it's real That's the way we were made Wouldn't have it any other way These are my people

Well we take it all week on the chin with a grin Till we make it to a Friday night And it's church league softball holler 'bout a bad call Preacher breakin' up the fight Then later on at the green light tavern Well everybody's gatherin' as friends And the beer is pourin' till Monday mornin' Where we start all over again

We fall down and we get up We walk proud and we talk tough We got heart and we got nerve Even if we are a bit disturbed

[Chorus]