

## Mama's Opry

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She grew up plain and simple in a farming town.  
Her daddy played the fiddle and used to do the calling when the  
y had hoedowns.  
She says the neighbors would come and they'd move all my grandm  
a's furniture 'round.  
And there'd be twenty or more there on the old wooden floor dan  
cin' to a country sound.

The Carters and Jimmy Rodgers played her favourite songs.  
And on Saturday nights there was a radio show and she would sin  
g along.  
And I'll never forget her face when she revealed to me,  
That she'd dreamed about singing at The Grand Ol' Opry.

Her eyes, oh, how they sparkled when she sang those songs.  
While she was hanging the clothes on the line, I was a kid just  
a hummin' along.  
Well, I'd be playing in the grass, to her, what might've seemed  
, obviously,  
But there ain't no doubt about it: she sure made her mark on me  
.

An' she played old gospel records on the phonograph.  
She turned them up loud and we'd sing along, but those days hav  
e passed.  
Just now that I am older it occurs to me,  
That I was singing in the grandest opry.

And we sang Sweet Rose of Sharon, Abide With Me,  
'Til I ride The Gospel Ship to Heaven's Jubilee.  
And In That Great Triumphant Morning my soul will be free,  
And My Burdens Will Be Lifted when my Saviour's face I see.

So I Don't Want to Get Adjusted to This World below,  
But I know He'll Pilot Me 'til it comes time to go.  
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As the sound of my Mama's Opry

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