

Pride

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I read P-R-I-D-E on the bulletin board, first day of my Sophomore year
Eastpak on my shoulder, Nikes on my feet
Dragging slack, I was busting in my baggy jeans
I thought "Psh, whatever" and I rolled my eyes
Went strutting down the hall to give my boys high-fives
The friends I made back then, are my real friends now
I still see 'em when we go hang out
In town, down the road from the halls we came of aging
Now I get it

Pride, was a capital letter on my baseball cap
It's what held us together around this dot on the map
Now its the color I bleed and the stitches in my shoes and my jacket
Match it, pride

I read P-R-I-D-E on the cheerleader sign on the field on a Friday night
I wasn't on the team, I wasn't in the band
Just another twelfth man up in the stands
Flying off my feet when the hometeam scored
Laughing at the visitors, pointing at the scoreboard
Sure, I got carried away, but I didn't mean harm
Just a fan of where I was from
The stadium lights shine bright on us all
Win, or lose, or draw

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I was a country boy, but I wasn't a redneck
A solid "B" student on my college prep trek
I had ambition, plans of moving on
But I graduated college then I came back home
Because the trees grow strong when their roots run deep
And this town is the only place I can sound asleep
P-R-I-D-E is in my heart and soul
It's something I want my children to know
So I keep believing, no plans on leaving
Even if we have a losing season

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Pride, pride, pride
Yeah, I got pride