He woke up one mornin'
Took a train down to New Orleans
First thing he saw was Mardi Gras
Then he got himself some rice and beans

And he said "Now that's alright
"I think I'll stay here tonight
"Ain't no reason why a man shouldn't have to learn to live this way"

Well he went out somewhere out west Watched the sun set over the Bay Bonfires on the beaches And the way that those people play

He said "Now that's alright
"I think I'll stay here tonight
"Ain't no reason why a man shouldn't have to learn to live this way"

Well he found himself in Ft. Worth Said "I better start movin' along" Then along came a-one of them cowgirls Talkin' with a Texas drawl

He said "Now that's alright
"I think I'll stay here tonight
"Ain't no reason why a man shouldn't have to learn to live this way"

Well he drove out to the country
Thought he'd think about settlin' down
Somewhere in the middle of it he looked up
Just in time to see the stars come out

He said "Now that's alright
"I think I'll stay here tonight
"Ain't no reason why a man shouldn't have to learn to live this way"

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