

# West Texas Waltz

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When you're ready for steady to go dancin', romancin'  
Grab your sweetheart and jump in your car  
Drive right on down to the bright side of town  
You'll be glad you don't have to drive far  
You'll be happy you don't have to go far

Park your pick-ups and Cadillacs and fords and Renaults  
Get out and dance like the dickens to the West Texas Waltz

My pickup needs a tune-up, I better get up and make up  
My mind to get on it today  
The tractor's been actin' up and the sewer lines are backin' up  
But I'll be dancin' tonight anyway  
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'Cause I count my blessings, I don't count my faults  
I like to dance like the dickens to the West Texas Waltz

Well I found a young cow-dog an' I told him, "Now, now dog  
You're a borderline collie, I'm a borderline fool?  
But he had some bad habits, he was scared of jack rabbits  
I sent him off to canine school  
I think they call it obedience school

But when he came back he couldn't tell a cow from a horse  
But he could dance like the dickens to the West Texas Waltz

Grand mammy, grand pappy if you wanna stay happy  
Better lace up your best dancin' shoes  
Come see us, don't write us, you can stop your arthritis  
Just by dancin' away your blues  
Now ,just by dancin' away your blues

So bind up your bunions with band-aids and gauze  
And come on, dance like the dickens to the West Texas Waltz  
Oh yeah, hey Mama

I met a fine lady banker and I'd sure like to thank her  
For the credit she gave me made me shout  
She changed my whole attitude and to show her my little gratitude  
I decided I'd just ask her out  
Yeah, I thought I just might ask her out

I said, ?Close up your windows and lock up your vaults  
And lets go dance like the dickens to the West Texas Waltz?

We spent the next to last dollar in the old ice cream parlor  
On a milkshake and a malt and a pop  
And then we heard us some sounds, was a honky tonk lounge  
Driving next to the ice cream shop  
Next door to the ice cream shop

Now only two things are better than milkshakes and malts  
And one is dancin' like the dickens to the West Texas Waltz

And the other is somethin' but really it's nothin'  
To speak of, it's somethin' to do

And if you've done it before you'll be doin' it some more  
Just as soon as the dancin' is through  
Right after the dancin' is through

And if anybody asks you why, just tell 'em because  
You been dancin' like the dickens to the West Texas Waltz