

Down in the Orange Grove

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I learned to drive my daddy's old pickup truck
Down in the orange grove
I'd nearly get a whippin' when I'd get the truck stuck
Down in the orange grove
I wore out my first pair of Brogan shoes
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And that's where I learned how to sing the blues
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I learned to pray to the lord up above
The very first time I ever tasted love was
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You learn the value of a dollar when the sun gets hot
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The boss wants more and you give it all you've got
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We'd have to light the smudge pots when it'd come a freeze
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And work all night just to save the trees
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I never will forget all the lessons I learned
Or the work I did for the money I earned
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Well the big freeze came; now the trees are gone
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They cleared the land and they've built new homes
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Then the canker hit back in '84
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Now there's shopping malls and grocery stores
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It made a lot of people happy when the progress came
But deep down I know it won't be the same
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