

## It's What I Am

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I got my first guitar when I was just a boy  
I was playing the blues instead of playing with toys  
Listening to the Opry and dreaming of the neon lights  
So it was late to bed and early to rise  
I worked the field all day and the crowd all night  
My finger on the trigger and Nashville in my sights  
I'm the real thing and I sing songs about real life

And I never heard a fiddle called a violin  
Never really worried if I fit in  
Country ain't what I sing it's what I am  
This hat ain't something I wear for style  
These boots have been around a while  
Country ain't what I sing it's what I am

I learned to drive on a dirt road  
Cruised the strip on rock and roll  
And drove around on "Miles and Miles of Texas"  
And as I grew Daddy showed me now

To earn a living by the sweat of my brow  
But he never made me follow in his steps  
He said work hard and let the good Lord do the rest

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This truck ain't something I drive for style  
These boots have been around a while  
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