

Harlan County

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I can't get a drink and I don't know why
Why I every came to Harlan County
Harlan County's damn near dry

Well, you can get a drink in Harlan County
Go to the city of Cumberland
Go to the package store on main street
A twenty dollar bill in your right hand

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Climbed to the top of Old Black Mountain
That's the highest peak in Kentucky
And if you're tired, drunk, or crazy
Drive on up in an ATV

I saw a bear up on black mountain
Carrying a six pack in his claw
I shot that bear, and I took his six pack
Yes, I guess I broke the law

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Yeah, they play a little golf in Harlan County
Huntin', fishin', campin' too
Still got coal mines down in Harlan
I'd stay outta them if I was you

They cook a little meth in Harlan County
Chemistry in the kitchen sink
Less you're over in Cumberland City
A thirsty man can't get a drink

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