

# Greatest Show On Earth

Radney Foster

Pot luck supper and barbecue  
A cooler full of beer one for sodas too  
Us kids chasing fireflies with no shoes  
Saturday sundown  
Momma hollerin' y'all wash up  
Clean that plate with your cornbread crust  
Don't drink from daddy's dixie cup  
Oh the guitars are comin' out

When those cedar planks rattled and moaned  
Rocked and rolled to a country song  
On a couple of Sunburst Flattops  
And a hand-me-down mandolin  
Sometimes they had the chords half wrong  
We laughed and cried, sang along  
Family friends harmony  
And goosebumps on my skin  
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Some sang low some high and lonesome  
Will that circle be unbroken  
Grab a part if you know one  
Or clap along instead  
Son if you want to touch a guitar, ask  
Sister sleepin' and eight kids laughing  
I'd shake it like Elvis just to make 'em laugh  
Before I went to bed

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Take a little break  
Talk a little fishin'  
Let the crickets sing the intermission  
I'd drift off to dreamland  
And they'd fire it up again

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