

Family Tradition

D Country music singers have always been a real close family
A But lately some of my kinfolk have disowned a few others and me
D I guess it's because I kind of changed my direction
A Lord, I guess I went and broke their family tradition
D They yell, they wanna know

D Hank, why do you drink? Hank, why do you roll smoke?
A Why must you live out the songs that you wrote?
D Over and over, everybody made my prediction
A So if I get stoned, I'm just a carryin' on an old family tradition
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I am very proud of my daddy's name
Although his kind of music and mine ain't exactly the same
Stop and think it over, put yourself in my position
If I get stoned and sing all night long it's a family tradition
So don't ask me

Hank, why do you drink? Hank, why do you roll smoke?
Why must you live out the songs that you wrote?
If I'm down in a honky tonk, some ol slick's tryin' to give me friction
I say leave me alone, I'm stayin' all night long, it's a family tradition

Lordy, I have loved some ladies, and I have loved Jim Beam
And they both tried to kill me back in 1973
When that doctor asks me, son how'd you get in this condition
I say, hey sawbones, I'm just a carryin on the old family tradition
So don't ask me

Hank, why do you drink? Hank, why do you roll smoke?
Why must you live out the songs that you wrote?
Stop and think it over, try to put yourself in my unique position
If I get stoned and sing all night long it's a family tradition