**Family Tradition**

E A

Country music singers have always been a real close family

B7 E

But lately some of my kinfolk have disowned a few others and me

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I guess it's because I went and changed my position

B7 E

Lord, I guess I went and broke their family tradition

C H O R U S

(They yell, they wanna know: "Hank..")

E A

Why do you drink? Why do you roll smoke?

B7 E

Why must you live out the songs that you wrote?

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Stop and think it over - try to put yourself in this position

B7 E

When I get stoned, I'm just carryin' on and old family tradition.

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Now 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 - try to put yourself in my position

When I get stoned and sing all night long it's just a family tradition

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CHORUS 2

(Don't ask me: "Hank...")

Why do you drink? Why do you roll smoke?

Why must you live out them songs that you wrote?

If I'm down in a honky tonk, and some ole slick's tryin' to gimme some

friction

I says "Leave me alone, I'm stayin' all night long 'cause it's a family

tradition"

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Lead SOLO

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Lordy, I have loved some ladies, and I still love Jim Beam

They both tried to kill me in nineteen seventy-three

When that doctor asks me "Son, how'dja get in this condition?"

I says "Hey Sawbones, I'm just a-carryin' on the old family tradition."

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CHORUS 3

(So don't ask me: "Hank...")

Why do you drink? Why do you roll smoke?

Why must you live out them songs that you wrote?

Stop and think it over - try to put yourself in my unique position

When I get stoned and sing all night long, it's just a family tradition.