There was a brand new stranger at the old bus station He said, "Music City is my destination" He said, "The whole wide world's gonna sing my song And you can take that to the bank"

Because I'm on a mission
I'm on a mission
I'm on a mission from Hank

He got a furnished room and a job at the market He kept a little notebook in his back pocket And every time you'd see him he was writing a song And he would never leave one page blank

He'd say, I'm on a mission
I'm on a mission
I'm on a mission from Hank

He sang when no one would listen
So he sang until they hung on every word

Yeah but then one day his phone started ringing
They said, "We want you and the songs you've been singing"
And the kid said, "Fine, just give me some time
To talk to my patron saint"

You see, I'm on a mission
I'm on a mission
I'm on a mission from Hank

That night as he laid in the darkness
Ol' Luke the drifter came to him and said

"Oh now here's your chance boy, go on and take it You sing from the heart and you're gonna make it But if anybody tries to change you Into something that you ain't"

"You tell I'm, I'm on a mission I'm on a mission I'm on a mission from Hank"

Yes sir I'm on a mission
I'm on a mission
I'm on a mission from Hank