

Dakota The Dancing Bear, Pt. 2

David Allan Coe

Betty drove the semi, she pulled up to the pump
I thought I wanted a Coca-Cola and I started out on the jump
She said, "Hold it Dave, come quick, there's something you got
to see
That man had got a dancing bear tied up to that old tree"

I said, "Dance, dance, Dakota dance all around the country stor
e"

Me and sweet Betty ain't never seen
A bear that could dance before
Well, it's one step, two steps, three steps four
A bottle of soda and he'll dance some more
Dance, dance Dakota dance all around the country store

Well, these hippies walked up to the cage
Givin' pills to that ole bear
I don't know what it was they was giving to him
It had him pulling out his hair
I tried to keep time with the music,
Lord with the beat on my tambourine
Gave him some wine from a mason jar and we all began to sing

Well, I went out to Los Angeles, California and I saw a semi-tr
uck along the side of the road. It said 'Dakota the Dancing Bea
r' on the side of it now they charged you 50 cents to watch thi
s bear dance around a truck. So I turned to Arlo and I said "Ar
lo, we ought to get down off these motorcycles and walk over th
ere and see if that's the same bear that Betty told US about wh
en she was driving the semi-truck for us back in Nashville, Ten
nessee." So we got down off our motorcycles and we walked over
there eaten' our pickles. Now there was four or five hundred th
ousand of these hippies freaks standing' around waiting' on a R
OCK festival. It appeared that David Allan Coe, Kris Kristoffer
son and the Grand FUNK Railroad was playin' in town that day an
d their airplane had got hijacked somewhere over Chicago, Illin
ois. So it turned out that the people with short hair started t
hrowin' rocks at the people that had long hair.