

Honky Tonkin' Fool

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Red hung out at the point of tears
He was a honky tonkin' fool
Ever since they brought that jukebox here
Back in 1952

He was the first to drop a nickel in
When he danced with his first wife
By '61 his wife was gone
But that jukebox had survived

It was three plays for a quarter
I turned on enough to go
Red showed me that ol' Wurlitzer

And said, "Son, I want you to know
If you ever come up to be short
Just kick it on the side"
Would you do this honky tonkin' fool
One favor when I die

Roll away my tombstone
Put this jukebox in its place
Make damned sure Your Cheatin' Heart
Is the only song it plays

I don't need no stone with fancy words
This jukebox [unverified] cool
As a perfect final tribute to a honky tonkin' fool

When we heard the news, me and Mr. Hughes
Put that jukebox in my truck
And hauled it on down to the place
That ol' Red had hung it up

And, I ran a short extension cord
From the old caretaker's shed
I kicked the side, played Your Cheatin' Heart
Looked down at Red and said

Red I rolled away your tombstone
Put this jukebox in its place
And I made damned sure Your Cheatin' Heart
Is the only song it plays

You were right about that tombstone, Red
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