

# This Cowboy's Hat

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Well I was sitting in a roadhouse  
Havin' a cup to pass the time  
Swapping rodeo stories  
With a few old territory friend of mine  
When some motorcycle riders started snickering in the back  
They were pokin' fun at my friends hat  
Well one old boy said 'Hey Tex where'd you park your horse'  
My friend just turned his hat down low  
But they couldn't be ignored  
Then one husky fella said  
'I think I'll rip that hat right off your head'  
That's when my friend turned 'round and this is what he said

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Now this old hat is better left alone  
You see it used to be my fathers  
But last year he passed on  
My uncle skinned the red belly black  
That makes up this ol' hat band  
But back in '69 he was killed in Vietnam  
Now the eagle feather was given to me  
By an old aboriginal friend of mine  
But someone run him down somewhere  
Up around that Northern Territory  
And real special lady gave me this hat pin  
But I don't know if I'm ever going to see her again

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Now if your leather jacket means to you  
What this old hat means to me  
Then I guess we understand each other  
And we'll just let it be  
But if you still think it's funny  
Then you've got my back up against the wall  
And if you touch my hat  
Then you're gonna have to fight us all  
Well right then I noticed a little sadness  
In that gang leaders eyes  
He turned back towards the others  
And they all just shuffled on outside  
But when my friend turned back towards me  
I noticed his hat brim  
Well it was turned up in a big old Territory grin

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