City Boys

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My Auntie Mabel 1953 Left her Minnesota dirt farm to see what she could see In a letter to her mother telling her what she enjoyed Said there's nothing in the whole wide world like a city boy 1987 Took Daddy's Cadillac I drove it to Chicago, never brought it back Well all these years later, I'm still unemployed Oh well there's nothing in the whole wide world like a city boy My granddaddy had long grey hair Silver cane and a rocking chair Tapped that cane on a wooden floor Saying "take what you're given, and then ask for more" Well now, baby, what do you think of that Can you make a woman out of an alley cat Can you take the agitation and not get annoved Oh well there's nothing in the whole wide world like a city boy Now my Auntie Mabel, she plays the dominoes Way down South where the yucca plant grows Drinking whiskey out of Coca-Cola bottles, smoking Viceroys Still swears there's nothing in the whole wide world like a cit y boy Those city boys