

Jimmy Martin

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

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And they say that I can sing
Of them lonesome broken hearted
Boys of Bluegrass I'm the King

I was born up in the mountains, I was raised in poverty
Made a guitar out of nothing but a cigar box and strings
Took a bus across to Nashville and that's where I was employed
Pickin' guitar and singing tenor
With Bill Monroe and his Bluegrass Boys

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Back in 1959, with the Sunny Mountain Boys
On that Louisiana Hayride, you never heard such wondrous noise
We tore it up at the Grand Ole Opry
"Walkin' Shoes" and "Free Born Man"
But the circle is still broken
My greatest dream slipped through my hands

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