

## **Austin Cunningham**

# **"Let That Poor Boy Sing"**

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Well I grew up down in Texas where I got my honky tonk  
education

That music from my dashboard hit me like a bolt of  
revelation

Kris, Willie, Waylon, Johnny Cash, Merle and Tom T. Hall  
and that aint all

Their music rang with truth, it inspired me and nailed  
me to the wallhey!

Back then being real and unique was something  
celebrated

Them bulls were too ornery to let their music be  
castrated

Maybe Im sayin way too much, but Im just speakin from  
the heart

And it troubles me to think there's no room for my  
heroes on the charts

Cause they picked the cotton, they went through hell

They came back stronger with their stories to tell

With their pens on fire and their guitars strapped on

We were all the better for hearing them ol songs

So if a hollow-eyed skinny kid opens up his notebook  
full of dreams

Let that poor boy sing

These days there's kids that think country music is just  
a cowboy hat and wranglers

Maybe that's just fine, you know I aint naming names or  
pointin fingers

I just think ol Hank and Jimmy Rogers ought to get more  
respect, more respect

From any country music singers ever picked up a  
royalty check

Cause they picked the cotton, they went through hell

They came back stronger with their stories to tell

With their pens on fire and their guitars strapped on

We were all the better for hearing them ol songs

So, if a hollow-eyed skinny kid opens up his notebook  
full of dreams

Better let that poor boy sing

Cause they built the road, they paved the way T  
They paid the dues we aint payin today  
And the reason they sang with passion and soul had  
nothing to do with platinum or gold,  
So if a hollow-eyed skinny kid opens up his notebook  
full of dreams,  
You better let that poor boy sing

Yeah, heres to the spirit of the wild and the beautiful  
things  
Let that poor boy sing

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