

Emmylou Harris

"New Cut Road"

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Coleman Bonner was a fiddle playin' fool
He's a backwoods rounder and a breaker of mules
Coleman Bonner's got a wore out bow
He's been playin' two days down the new cut road

Now Coleman's little sister said you better act right
Coleman
Daddy's gone to Louisville he'll be back tonight
He's gonna get another wagon and a good pair of
mules
Oh we gonna move to Texas we just waitin' on you

Now Coleman's daddy he pulled up in the yard
He said pack up your lives kids it's gettin' too hard
Kentucky's alright but there's too many people
For just the other day I thought I saw a church steeple

Now Coleman said daddy don't you worry bout me
I'm gonna stay here in Kentucky till the day I'd
I wanna drink that sourmash I wanna race that mare
And I got me woman with the fox red hair

Now you all been movin' west since the day you got
married
Well I'm gettin' off the wagon daddy I'm too old to be
carried
Gonna stay here in Kentucky where the bluegrass grow
I'm gonna play it all night down the new cut road

--- Fiddle ---

Now Coleman's daddy said what's it all comin' to
Young people these days are just as stubborn as mules
You can't make him go he's too old for that
It's that damned old fiddle and that bowler hat

Now Coleman's mama said let the boy stay
Cause he's raised up solid and he can find his own way
But as for me honey I'm with you
I always thought Kentucky was just passin' through

Coleman's little sister she started into a cryin'
And his daddy shook his head for the very last time
Coleman's mama said somebody gotta do it
Wouldn't be no Kentucky less you didn't stick to it
Coleman

Coleman Bonner stood on the porch of that cabin
Watched 'em all go to Texas in a covered wagon
He pulled out his fiddle and he rosined up his bow
And he played a little tune called the new cut road

--- Fiddle ---

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