Bobby Bare "Desperados Waiting for the Train"

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(Guy Clark)

I'd play the Red River Valley And he'd sit in the kitchen and cry Run his fingers through seventy years of living and wonder Lord, has every well I drilled gone dry We was friends me and this old man Desperados waiting for the train Desperados waiting for the train.

He's a drifter and a driller of oil wells And an old school man of the world Taught me how to drive his car when he's too drunk to And he'd wink and give me money for the girls Our lives was like some old western movie Like desperados waiting for the train Like desperados waiting for the train.

From the time that I could walk he'd take me with him To a bar called the Green Frog Cafe There was old men with beer guts playin' dominos Lyin' bout their lives while they'd play I was just a kid they all called his sidekick Like desperados waiting for the train Like desperados waiting for the train.

One day I looked up and he's pushin' eighty There's brown tobacco stains all down his chin To me he's one of the heroes of this country So why's he all dressed up like them old men Drinking beer and playing moon and 42 Like desperados waiting for the train Like desperados waiting for the train.

Just before he died I went to see him I was grown and he was almost gone So we closed our eyes and dreamed us up a kitchen And sang another verse to that old song He said come on Jack I swear this time it's comin' And we're desperados waiting for the train We're desperados waiting for the train.

We're desperados waiting for the train...

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