

Bobby Bare

"Sure Hit Songwriter's Pen"

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I was hangin' round Nashville writin' songs and playin'
them for all of the stars
Watchin' them laugh and hand 'em back livin' on hope
and Hershey bars
So I pawned my guitar and bought a ticket home
And I's a headin' for the trailway bus
When I seen an old pen layin' in the gutter so I reached
down and picked it up
It was beaten and bent and cast aside pretty much like
myself
So I sat down on the curb and wrote a little song
That told the world how both of us felt
Then I run that song down the Music Row and before I
had time to spit
It's pitched and sold and cut for a record
And movin' up the charts and damned it's a hit
So I wrote me another winner then I wrote me a smash
again
And I was flyin' off the ground cause I knew I found me
a sure hit songrwiter pen
Well the songs they just kept a pourin' out and the
money kept pourin' in
I just couldn't miss all it took was a twist of my sure hit
songwriter's pen you Remember when I won the
Grammy then I won it again and again
Well none of you knew it was all due to my sure hit
songwriter's pen
I was a darling of all of the ladies I was a hero among
the men
Makin' big dough workin' rodeos and TV shows me and
my sure hit songwriter pen
Then one night in Wichita I was just comin' off of the
stage all the folks had guithered around, my Lord I was
a nation rage.
One little red headed girl was there she was a
freciledfaced nine or ten.
She said I have no pincle sir. So I signed with my
songwriter pen and handed the pen back to her.
Four o'clock in the morning I woke up with the shakes
and the bends
With terror in my eyes cause good God I realized I'd
lost my sure hit songwriter pen

I advertised on the radio and I pleaded down the
sympathy line
And a whole lotta folks and a whole lotta pens but none
of them pens was mine
Well my songs got worse and my money ran out and so
did all my good time friends
And there was no doubt I was nothing without my sure
hit songwriter pen
So I rolled like a stone down old Skid Row where I feed
my blues on wine
And I rest my chops in a two-bit flop and I tell my tale
for a drink or a dime
And I sleep with my shoes underneath my head and
dream about times back then.
When I blazed my name across the sky with my sure hit
songwriter pen
And Somewhere in Wichita tonight there's a red
headed girl she's a freckle faced and nine or ten,
doin' her arithmetic homework with a sure hit
songwriter's pen
And I say God bless you darling you got a sure hit
songwriter pen.
Write me a song.
Send me some money.
You got a sure hit songwriter pen.

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