

## **Gordon Lightfoot**

# **"I Used To Be A Country Singer"**

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I was sittin' in my hotel room, strummin' my old guitar  
Not much to do when you're far away, playin' some  
smokey bar  
I was feelin' a little empty and feelin' a little blue  
When the maid came in and asked me if she could do  
my room  
I put down my old guitar and she gave me a smile  
She had a crusty voice and a drinker's look, but she  
had a friendly style  
She dusted my room and made my bed and she talked  
of days gone by  
She spoke of when she wooed the men; a tear came to  
her eye

And she said  
I used to be a country singer  
I could sing a mean patsy cline  
My husband he could yodel like wilf carter  
Kitty wells was a real good friend of mine

She told me that her husband died and her son was  
overseas  
I could tell by her eyes and her broken smile she was  
lonely just like me  
She asked me if I'd listen to a tape of when she was  
young  
She said I can't sing now I forgot the words and my  
voice is almost gone  
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Oh I cried inside but I couldn't tell if it was for her or for  
me  
So I grabbed my axe and we sang a song in two part  
harmony  
Ever since that day when I'm feelin' down and I can't  
find a happy tune  
I just think if that maid and the feeling she gave, when  
she came to clean my room

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