

## **Hank Williams**

### **"Family Tradition"**

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Country music singers have been a real close family  
But lately, some of my kinfolks have disowned a few  
others and me  
I guess it's because I kind of changed my direction  
Lord, I guess I went and broke their family tradition

They get on me and want to know  
Hank, why do you drink? Why do you roll smoke?  
Why must you live out the songs that you wrote?  
Over and over, everybody makes my predictions  
So if I get stoned, I'm just carrying on an old family  
tradition

I am very proud of my daddy's name  
All though his kind of music and mine ain't exactly the  
same  
Stop and think it over, put yourself in my position  
If I get stoned and sing all night long, it's a family  
tradition

So don't ask me, Hank, why do you drink? Hank, why  
do you roll smoke?  
Why must you live out the songs that you wrote?  
If I'm down in a honky-tonk, some ol' slick's trying to  
give me friction  
I said, "Leave me alone, I'm singing all night long, it's a  
family tradition"

Lord, I have loved some ladies and I have loved Jim  
Beam  
And they both tried to kill me in 1973  
When that doctor asked me, "Son, how did you get in  
this condition?"  
I said, "Hey sawbones, I'm just carrying on an ol' family  
tradition"

So don't ask me, Hank, why do you drink? Hank, why  
do you roll smoke?  
Why must you live out the songs that you wrote?  
Stop and think it over, try and put yourself in my unique  
position  
If I get stoned and sing all night long, it's a family

tradition

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