

## **Hank Williams Jr. "Family Tradition"**

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Country music singers  
Have always been a real close family  
But lately some of my kin folks  
Have disowned a few others and me  
I guess it's because  
I kinda changed my direction  
Lord I guess I went and broke  
their family tradition

They get on me wanna know  
Hank, why do you drink?  
(Hank) why do you roll smoke?  
Why must you live out the  
songs that you wrote?  
Over and over  
Everybody made my prediction  
So if I get stoned  
I'm just carryin' on  
an old family tradition

I am very proud  
Of my daddy's name  
Although his kinda 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' slicks  
tryin to give me friction  
I'll say leave me alone  
I'm singin' all night long  
It's a family tradition

Lordy, 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 carryin' on  
an old 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 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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