

Hoyt Axton "Devil"

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It's been rainin' in the mountains and the river's on the rise.

And we cannot hardly reach the other side. And the devil, he's in trouble; I can see it in his eyes. If you don't give him shelter, he won't have no place to hide.

The devil deals in dyin' and he travels in a hearse. He treats you like a dog, now; he'd like to treat you worse.

But he don't have the answers, an' if he did, he'd lie. The devil is a joker an' he don't want you alive.

An' some you win, an' some you lose, An' the winner's all grin and the losers say: "Deal the cards again. "Won't you deal the cards again."

L.A.'s in California, Lord, I been there many times. It is an education, to be sure.

I loved a lovely lady there, she opened up my eyes. She ran a dancin' school; it was a front, she loved the Lord.

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