

## John D. Loudermilk

### "Tobacco Road"

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I was born in a dump (?)  
My mama died and my daddy got drunk  
And they left me to die or grow  
Up in the middle of Tobacco Road

I grew up in a rusty shack  
All I owned was a hangin' on my bony back  
Only Lord knows how I loathe  
This place called Tobacco Road

But it's home  
The only life I ever, ever know  
Yeah, but the Lord knows how I loathe  
Tobacco Road

Gonna leave it, get me a job  
With the help and the grace of God, no matter  
Save my money, get rich I know  
Bring it back to Tobacco Road

Bring dynamite and a crane  
I'm gonna blow it up and start all over again  
I'm gonna build a town be proud to show  
Keep the name Tobacco Road

Oh 'cos it's home  
The only life I ever know  
I despise you 'cos you're so filthy  
But I love you 'cos you're home

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