

## **Lou Rawls**

# **"Tobacco Road"**

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'Cause I was born in a dump  
My mama died and my daddy got drunk  
He left me here to die or grow  
In the middle of Tobacco Road

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

But it's a home, yeah  
The only life I'll ever know  
And the Lord knows, I loathe  
Tobacco Road, yeah

I'm gonna leave and get a job  
With the help and the grace from above  
Save my money and get rich I know  
And bring it back to Tobacco Road

Bring dynamite and a crane  
Blow it up and start all over again  
And I'll build a town, I'll be proud to show  
And keep the name, Tobacco Road

'Cause it's a home, yeah, yeah  
The only life I'll ever know  
And despise you called you filthy but I love it  
But I love you because you're my home

Hey, Tobacco Road, Tobacco Road  
Now you're dirty and you're filthy  
Tobacco Road

I'm gonna get me some dynamite  
And I'll bring me a crane  
And then blow it up  
I'll tear down and start out all over again

Tobacco Road, Tobacco Road  
And I love you, yeah  
Because you're my home

But you're dirty and you're filthy  
Tobacco Road

I'm gonna blow you up  
I'm gonna tear you down  
And I'll build me a town  
That I will be proud to show

But I'll keep the name  
I'm gonna keep the name  
I'm gonna keep the name  
A Tobacco Road, a Tobacco Road

Tobacco Road, road, road, road  
I'm talkin' 'bout  
Tobacco Road, road, oh yeah

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