

Robert Downey Jr.

"The Front Porch Song"

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This old porch is just a big ol' red and white Hereford
bull
Standin' under a mesquite tree in Agua Dulce, Texas
He just keeps on playin' hide and seek with that hot
August sun
Sweatin' and a pantin' cause his work is never done
Oh no, with those cows and that red top cane

This old porch is a steamin' greasy plate of enchiladas
With lots of cheese and onions, guacamole salad
You can get them at the LaSalle Hotel in old downtown
With iced tea and a waitress who will smile every time
Oh yeah, I left a quarter tip on my ten dollar bill

This old porch is a palace walk in on a main street in
Texas
It ain't never seen or heard the day of G's and R's and
X's
And that '62 poster that's almost faded down
And a screen without a picture since Giant came to
town
Oh no, I love them Junior Mints and the Red Hots too,
yes I do

This old porch is like a weathered grey haired seventy
years of Texas
Who's doin' all he can not to give in to the city
And he always takes the rent late, so long as I run his
cattle
He picks me up at dinner time and I listen to him rattle

He says the Brazos still runs muddy like she's run all
along
There's never been no cane to grind and the cotton's
all but gone
You know this Chevrolet pickup truck, hell she was
somethin' back in '60
But now there won't nobody listen to him 'cause they all
think he's crazy

This old porch is just a long time of waiting and

forgetting
Remembering the coming back and not crying about
the leaving
And remembering the falling down and the laughter of
the curse of luck
From all those son's of bitches who said we'd never get
back up

This old porch is a big old red and white Hereford bull
Standing under a mesquite tree out in Agua Dulce
He keep's on playing hide and seek with that hot
August sun
He's sweating and a panting 'cause his work is never
done
I've know a whole lot of bulls in my time, and there work
is never done.

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