

David Allan Coe "Dakota the Dancing Bear, Pt. 2"

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BETTY DROVE THE SEMI, SHE PULLED UP TO THE PUMP
I THOUGHT I WANTED A COCA-COLA AND I STARTED
OUT ON THE JUMP
SHE SAID, "HOLD IT DAVE, COME QUICK, THERE'S
SOMETHING YOU GOT TO SEE
THAT MAN HAD GOT A DANCING BEAR TIED UP TO
THAT OLD TREE"

I SAID, "DANCE, DANCE, DAKOTA DANCE ALL AROUND
THE COUNTRY STORE"
ME AND SWEET BETTY AIN'T NEVER SEEN
A BEAR THAT COULD DANCE BEFORE
WELL, IT'S ONE STEP, TWO STEPS, THREE STEPS FOUR
A BOTTLE OF SODA AND HE'LL DANCE SOME MORE
DANCE, DANCE DAKOTA DANCE ALL AROUND THE
COUNTRY STORE

WELL, THESE HIPPIES WALKED UP TO THE CAGE
GIVING' PILLS TO THAT OLE BEAR
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS THEY WAS GIVING TO HIM
IT HAD HIM PULLING OUT HIS HAIR
I TRIED TO KEEP TIME WITH THE MUSIC,
LORD WITH THE BEAT ON MY TAMBOURINE
GAVE HIM SOME WINE FROM A MASON JAR AND WE ALL
BEGAN TO SING

RECITATION:

WELL, I WENT OUT TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AND I
SAW A SEMI TRUCK ALONG THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. IT
SAID 'DAKOTA THE DANCING BEAR' ON THE SIDE OF IT.
NOW THEY CHARGED YOU 50 CENTS TO WATCH THIS
BEAR DANCE AROUND A TRUCK. SO I TURNED TO ARLO
AND I SAID "ARLO, WE OUGHT TO GET DOWN OFF
THESE MOTORCYCLES AND WALK OVER THERE AND SEE
IF THAT'S THE SAME BEAR THAT BETTY TOLD US
ABOUT WHEN SHE WAS DRIVING THE SEMI TRUCK FOR
US BACK IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE." SO WE GOT
DOWN OFF OUR MOTORCYCLES AND WE WALKED OVER
THERE EATEN' OUR PICKLES. NOW THERE WAS FOUR OR

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND OF THESE HIPPIES FREAKS
STANDING' AROUND WAITING' ON A ROCK FESTIVAL. IT
APPEARED THAT DAVID ALLAN COE, KRIS
KRISTOFFERSON AND THE GRAND FUNK RAILROAD WAS
PLAYING' IN TOWN THAT DAY AND THEIR AIRPLANE HAD
GOT HIJACKED SOMEWHERE OVER CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.
SO IT TURNED OUT THAT THE PEOPLE WITH SHORT
HAIR STARTED THROWING' ROCKS AT THE PEOPLE THAT
HAD LONG HAIR.

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