

Dean Martin

"I Take a Lot of Pride in What I Am"

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(Merle Haggard)

Things I learned in hobo jungle were things they never
taught me in a class room
Like where to find a hand out while bummin' through
Chicago in the afternoon
Hey I'm not bragging or complaining I'm just talking to
myself man to man
This old mental fat I'm chewing didn't take a lotta
doing
But I take a lot of pride in what I am.

I guess I grew up a loner I don't remember ever having
any folks around
But I keep thumbin' through the phone books
And looking for my daddy's name in every town
And I meet lots of people but I'll always end up leavin'
on the lam
Hey where I've been or where I'm going didn't take a
lotta knowing
But I take a lot of pride in what I am.

I never travel in a hurry cause I got nobody waitin' for
me anywhere
Home is anywhere I'm living if it's sleeping on some
vacant bench in City Square
Or if I'm working on some road gang or just living off
the fat of our great land
I never been nobody's idol but at least I got a title
And I take a lot of pride in what I am.

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