

Statler Brothers

"Baptism of Jesse Taylor"

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(Dallas Frazier - Sanger D.Shafer)

Among the local taverns there'll be a slack in business
Cause Jesse's drinkin' came before the groceries and
the rent
Among the local women there'll be a slack and cheatin'
'Cause Jesse won't be steppin' out again

The scars on Jesse's knuckles were more than just
respected
The county courthouse records tell all there is to tell
The pockets of the gamblers will soon miss Jesse's
money
And the black eye of the law will soon be well.

They baptized Jesse Taylor in Cedar Creek last Sunday
Jesus gained a soul and Satan lost a good right arm
They all cried hallelujah when Jesse's head went under
'Cause this time he went under for the Lord.

--- Instrumental ---

Now old Nancy Taylor can proudly speak to neighbors
Tell them how much Jesse hooked up with little Jim
Now Jimmy's got a daddy and Jesse's got a family
And Franklin County's got a lot more man.

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Shall we gather at the river for the Lord...

