Merle Haggard "Grandma Harp V2"

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(Merle Haggard)

(Spoken)

Let me tell you about a song that I wrote about my grandma

You know I guess the thing that I remember most about grandma

Was her pretty blue eyes and her tremblin' hands As she served the best baked apple pie I'd ever ate And it always amazed me how til the age of seventy five years

She personally raised her own black-eyed peas and her own turnip greens

That the ole corner market just couldn't match
But one day the ole summer sun just got too much for
her

And she fell and broke her hip

And after that she seemed to slow down for awhile But bless her heart she lived to be ninety-three And it was like she'd lived to see a thousand years of progress

From the horseless carriage through two world wars
And the first man walk on the moon
But the times in which she lived was not what mattered
It was how she lived it and that made it all worth while.

(Sang)

Grandma's maiden name was Zonethelines And there's ninety years to tell about in a few short lines

Born in Newton County down in Arkansas Then in 1901 she married grandpa.

We laid her soul to rest on Sunday morning And everybody knew she'd done her part Don't get set to hear no hidden family legend Just a song about the life of Grandma Harp.

Just think about the times that she lived through And think about the changin' world she saw Now some how she reared a decent family out of poverty

And for seventy years she loved the same ole grandpa.

To me her passin' brought a closin' chapter
To a way of life that I loved within my heart
I just mean to say I think we owe her something special
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