

## Merle Haggard

### "Narration 5"

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Jimmie Rodgers knew when the time was near  
But he still had a lotta songs he wanted to record  
So he made arrangements to go from his home in  
Texas to Galveston and  
then on farther by boat. And he left the boat someplace  
on the east coast  
and continued on to New York by train. But by the time  
he arrived in New  
York City he was so weakend by tuberculosis. It was  
necessary for him to  
have a cot in the recording studio so that he might rest  
in between songs.  
Amazingly his voice tho weak never broke while  
recording his last twelve  
numbers Jimmie Rodgers used his last bit of strength  
for recording  
He died in a hotel in New York City on the night of May  
26, 1933  
His railroad buddies paid Jimmie Rodgers his last  
homage  
The engineer of the train upon which his body was  
placed pulled his quill  
down to a sad low moan and this sound was  
maintained all the way to  
Mississippi. His fans gathered at small whistle stops all  
along the route all  
the way to Meridian. Jimmie Rodgers rests today in  
Meridian Mississippi  
In the shadow of the great locomotive he loved and  
sang of so well...  
The blue yodler has been gone almost 40 years  
But he left us one of the greatest legacies in country  
music

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