

## **Merle Haggard**

### **"The Way It Was In '51"**

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Sixty-Six was still a narrow two-lane highway  
Harry Truman was the man who ran the show  
The bad Korean war was just beginning  
And I was just three years too young to go

Country music hadn't gone to New York City yet  
And a service man was proud of what he'd done  
And Hank and Lefty crowded every jukebox  
That's the way it was in '51

There's so much about the good old days I'd love to tell  
And there's folks around I know, still remember well  
Slow dancin' close together when a ballad played  
'Cause a thing called, 'Rock and Roll' was yet to come  
It was a big year for a drive-in rest'rant, Carhop  
And that's the way it was in '51

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Hank and Lefty crowded every jukebox  
Oh Lord, that's the way it was in '51

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