

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

"Mama's Opry"

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She grew up plain and simple in a farming town
Her daddy played the fiddle and use to do the calling
When they had hoedowns
She said the neighbors would come
And they'd move all my grandma's furniture 'round
And there'd be twenty or more there on the old wooden
floor
Dancing to a country sound

The Carters and Jimmy Rodgers played her favorite
songs
And on Saturday nights there was a radio show
And she would sing along
And I'll never forget her face when she revealed to me
That she'd dreamed about singing at The Grand Ol'
Opry

Her eyes, oh how they sparkled when she sang those
songs
While she was hanging the clothes on the line
I was a kid just a humming along
Well, I'd be playing in the grass,
To her what might of seemed obliviously
But there ain't no doubt about it, she sure made her
mark on me

She played old gospel records on the phonograph
She turned them up loud and we'd sing along
But those days have passed
Just now that I am older it occurs to me
That I was singing in the grandest opry

And we sang Sweet Rose of Sharon, Abide With Me
'til I ride The Gospel Ship to Heaven's Jubilee
And In That Great Triumphant Morning my soul will be
free
And My Burdens Will Be Lifted when my savior's face I
see
So I Don't Want to Get Adjusted to This World below
But I know He'll Pilot Me 'til it comes time to go
Oh, nothing on this earth is half as dear to me

As the sound of my Mama's Opry

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