

## **Rodney Atkins**

# **"These Are My People"**

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Well, we grew up down by the railroad tracks  
Shootin' B.B's at old beer cans  
Chokin' on the smoke from a Lucky Strike  
Somebody lifted off his old man

We were football flunkies, southern rock junkies  
Crankin' up the stereos  
Singing loud and proud to 'Gimmie Three Steps'  
'Simple Man' and 'Curtis Lowe', we were good ya know

Got some discount knowledge at the Jr. College  
Where we majored in beer and girls  
It was all real funny till we ran out of money  
And they threw us out into the world

Yeah, the kids that thought they'd run this town  
Ain't a runnin' much of anything  
Just lovin' and laughin', and bustin' our asses  
And we all call it all livin' the dream

These are my people  
This is where I come from  
We're givin' this life  
Everything we've got and then some

It ain't always pretty but it's real  
It's the way we were made  
Wouldn't have it any other way  
These are my people

Well, we take it all week on the chin with a grin  
Till we make it to a Friday night  
And it's church league softball, holler about a bad call  
Preacher breaking up the fight

Then later on at the Green Light Tavern  
Well everybody is gathered as friends  
And the beers a pourin' till Monday mornin'  
And we start it all over again

And these are my people  
This is where I come from

We're givin' this life  
Everything we've got and then some

It ain't always pretty but it's real  
It's the way we were made  
Wouldn't have it any other way  
These are my people

We fall down and we get up  
We walk proud and we talk tough  
We got heart and we got nerve  
And even if we are a bit disturbed  
Ooh, come on

These are my people  
This is where I come from  
We're givin' this life  
Everything we've got and then some

It ain't always pretty but it's real  
It's the way we were made  
Wouldn't have it any other way, oh, no  
These are my people, yeah

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