Roger Miller
"THE DAY I JUMPED FROM UNCLE HARVEY€Â™S PLANE"

Me 'n' Oliver 'n' Virgil was in the drugstore killing time
When my eyes fell upon this magazine
And I got to reading this article on sky-diving and
parachuting
And it said jumping out of air-planes was the thing

Now being raised down on a farm and always ready for
adventure
I knew that I could figure out a way
I said ÃƒÂ¢â‚¬Ã…"Well Delmer Gill's got a parachute
and Uncle Harvey's got an air-planeÃƒÂ¢â‚¬Ã‚Â
So I said ÃƒÂ¢â‚¬Ã…"Call the boys together, today's
the dayÃƒÂ¢â‚¬Ã‚Â

Well I found out too late what Uncle Harvey called an
air-plane
Was nothing but an engine and a wing
And I could feel my fear a-rising as Delmer packed the
parachute
'Cos he kept telling me I was doing the right thing

Ron McLoughlin shook my hand as JD strapped me in
the harness
And Tildon brought a jug and passed it around
I took one look at that parachute and that whisky and
that air-plane
And I turned that bottle up and drank it down

Well I was drunker'n Cooter Jones when they poured me
in the plane
The engine coughed and headed for the clouds
But I was sober as a judge by the time they opened up
the door
And I've never known my heart to beat so loud

I said, ÃƒÂ¢â‚¬Ã…"Harvey, I can't do itÃƒÂ¢â‚¬Ã‚Â
as he kicked me out the door
And I wrapped my hands around the landing gear
And I was holding on real good 'til Harvey stepped
down on my fingers
And Virgil said he heard me scream from way down

there

Well I thanked God and Delmer Gill when my parachute
finally opened
I said ÃƒÂ¢â‚¬Ã…"Well, hell there ain't no use in being
afraidÃƒÂ¢â‚¬Ã‚Â
And I went crashing through the hen house, scattering
chickens and breaking eggs
And I kissed the ground and fainted dead away

Now friends I've done some fighting, and I've been
shot at once or twice
And I've durn near been run over by a train
But I don't think I remember being any more afraid
Than the day I jumped from Uncle Harvey's plane