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**"THE DAY I JUMPED FROM UNCLE HARVEY'S PLANE"**

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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 "Well Delmer Gill's got a parachute  
and Uncle Harvey's got an air-plane  
So I said "Call the boys together, today's  
the day

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 "Harvey, I can't do it  
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 "Well, hell there ain't no use in being  
afraid"

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

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