

## Roger Miller

### "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  
Wuttin' nothin but an engine and a wing  
And I could feel my fear a-rising as Delmer packed the  
parachute  
'Cuz he kept telling me I's 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 cain'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, scatterin'  
chickens and breakin' 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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