

## Shenandoah "Hard Country"

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Early to sleep and early to rise  
Wiping the sleep from my little one's eyes  
Hit the long rows and cut 'em down to size  
Take it to market and see what it buys

In the hard country  
Making a living by the sweat of my brow  
Hard country  
Looking at the world from the back of a plow

An honest days work for an honest days pay  
Honestly you know it ain't a living wage  
Sweating in the sun and praying for rain  
Supper and sleep and do it all again

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Brother took a job in the county seat  
Thought he'd bought a ticket to easy street  
Well he got laid off from the factory  
Now he's back on the lower forty with me

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So grab your partner and do-se-do  
Louisiana hayride's on the radio  
Finally the harvest moon's aglow  
Wouldn't trade mine for any life I know

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