

The Vandals

"Play That Country Tuba, Cowboy"

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Well musicians' stories have made the rounds
about traveling bands in red-neck towns
but for tuba players this has got to be a first.

This one starts like they all do
I'd been traveling hard for a day or two
and I stopped into this joint to quench my thirst.

Up walked this big mountain man
said, "What'cha got there? A garbage can?"
and I said, "Excuse me, that's my tuba, if you please."

He said "Great play a country song
so me and my buddies can sing along"
and I told him I only play with symphonies.

He slammed his fist and spit out his beer
and his body language made it very clear
this wasn't going to be just another B-flat day.

That's when he cocked his thirty-odd-six
and boy, I let out with some country licks
I'd never thought I'd hear my tuba play.
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Well after a while I ran outta air
and I figured I'd better get out of there
so I grabbed my horn and headed for the door.

Just about then I felt a lasso
wrapped around me and my tuba too
and they yanked me back and 'ey hollered "More man
more!"

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