

Tom T. Hall

"Me And Jimmie Rodgers"

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Me and Jimmie Rodgers used to ride them
Rollin' boxcars in the summer time
Jimmie, he'd play his guitar, I'd lay back
And watch the stars and sip my wine

Me and Audie Murphy used to crawl out on
Our bellies through the German lines
Audie, I won't leave you here, I'll pull you through
'Cause you know you're a friend of mine

Me and Phil Rizzuto, didn't we move like lightnin'
'Round there on the double play?
I'd look over in the stands and Marilyn would see me
And she'd smile and wave

Hell, no, Coach Lombardi, this old broken back
Ain't nothin' if the game is saved
And fellers, if I don't pull through just put
A little golden football on my grave

John Wayne, he once said to me them Japs, they'll take
that island
And we've got to save the old red, white and blue
Someone's got to swim out to that submarine and warn
'em
You know it hate like hell to ask you to

Me and Sugar Ray, we used to spar together
Up there, an old Stillman's Gym
Knowin' someday it would be the garden
And the championship for me or him

And coop if no one in this town is man enough
To back you when Frank Miller comes
Come 'High Noon', I'll walk with you, I've had a few
But I know how to use a gun

Betty Grable, don't you cry, you know you can be a star
And with my drinkin', I'd just hold you back
So, go on, sign the contracts, kid
I'll read about you in some old newspaper from some
rack

'Cause me and Jimmie Rodgers, we still ride them
Rollin' boxcars in the summer time
Jimmie, he plays his guitar, I lay back
And watch the stars and sip my wine

Me and Audie Murphy, we still crawl out on
Our bellies through the German lines
At away there's scooner shoot that ball to me
And I swear we'll get two this time

So what's old Hank, I said, "Hank, I wrote a real good
song"
And he said lemme hear it
I went out of a truck to give my guitar
To rest is history

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