

Handmics Killed Country Music

Sam Bush

[Verse 1]

I used to listen to the Opry when I was just a child
Porter on his J200 would drive the whole crowd wild

Lester played a 28

Ernest had his Epiphone

Some of us can still recall Hank and his Herringbone

Then along came the '60s

TV's makin' stars

They took some good old country boys

And cased up their guitars

When the cameras started rolling

They were out there all alone

With nothing to hold on to

But a handheld microphone

[Chorus]

Country boy keep on strumming

Don't put down your guitar

In your heart you know it ain't worth it

Just to be a TV star

Remember Waylon Jennings

And the way it used to be

Hand mics killed country music

And that's what's killing me[Verse 2]

Last night I had a dream

About all those old guitars

And the boys who used to play them

In the dance halls in the bars

Hank Snow and young Buck Owens

Johnny Cash, and Lefty too

They knew you have to hold a guitar

If you wanna moan the blues

[Chorus]

Country boy keep on strumming

Don't put down that guitar

In your heart it just ain't worth it

Just to be a TV star

Remember Jimmy Rogers

And the way it used to be

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