

# What Would Willie Do

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I was lost in trouble and strife, I heard a voice and it changed my life  
And now it's a brand new day, and I ain't afraid to say  
You're not alone when you're down and out  
And I think you know who I'm talking about  
When I don't know how I'll get through  
I ask myself what would Willie do  
What would Willie do, well he'd travel so far with nothing but a song and his  
old guitar  
And a tour bus and some semi-trucks, thirty crew men and a little bit of luck  
Well he loves all the people, the ugly and the randy  
If you don't believe me take a look at the family  
And they'll tell you that it's true  
When skies are gray what would Willie do  
Well long ago he came unto us, his words were simple but they went  
right through us  
And the whole world sang along, but then they didn't want to hear his songs  
He was gone and we thought we'd lost him  
But he grew his hair and he moved to Austin  
And all of the people smiled, they came to hear him sing from miles  
Like a miracle all those rednecks and hippies  
From New York City down to Mississippi  
Stood together and raised a brew  
When it's all gone wrong what would Willie do  
You know sometimes I wonder when I ain't gettin' nowhere  
What would old Willie do when it all gets too much to bear  
And I can see him on his lonely old tour bus  
And he's got his problems just like any of us  
Well he'd just take a deep breath and then he'd let it all go  
And he'd take another deep breath and let it all go  
And he'd take another deep breath...and he'd hold it  
Ah and I bet he'd feel hungry in a way that seems strange  
Yeah hungry for all the things that he just can't change  
Like the time he passed out in his own bedroom  
And his wife sewed him up in the sheets and beat him with a broom and he forgave her  
And you think that's rough, well then the IRS came and they took away all of his stuff  
They took his golf course and his recording studio, and he just went out and did another show  
So when it's all coming down on you  
You better ask yourself what would Willie do

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