

# Broken Heartland

[Don Williams](#)

He climbs up on his John Deere  
Shoves a plug of redman in his jaw  
His eyes stretch cross the valley  
Way down to where they're puttin' up a mall  
His baseball cap says Kansas  
The Washington says how much he can grow  
There's a bank note in his pocket  
That says in thirty days they'll have his home  
It's hard living in a broken heartland  
It's enough to break a man and his beliefs  
Lord, give him strength to mend this broken heartland  
?Cause he's living proof of a dying breed  
His sons gone off to college  
Learning skills that'll get him off the farm  
And his wife just keeps it all inside  
Still he finds his only comfort in her arms  
And this tractors been his treasure  
Oh how could an auction measure its true worth  
And every night he asks the father  
That he may never lose this mother earth  
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