

# Honkytonk U

[Toby Keith](#)

My grandmother owned a nightclub on the Arkansas-Oklahoma line  
Mamma put me on a greyhound  
And I went to stay with her in the summertime  
I'd box up those empty long necks  
And stack'em in the back and make a hand  
Then at night she'd let me sneak out of the kitchen and sit in with the band  
Yes, I have sacked some quarterbacks  
And broke my share of bones along the way  
I knew it wouldn't last forever, semi-pro always means semi-paid  
I started climbin' drillin' rig, I'm oil field trash and proud as I can be, yeah  
Then I took my songs and guitar and sang 'em to a man from Tennessee  
I've played every beer joint tavern from  
New York city out to Pasadena  
Every corn dog fair and rodeo and sold out every basketball arena  
I like to get down with my boys in Afghanistan and Baghdad City too  
I am a red, white and blue blood graduate of honky tonk you  
His star can't burn forever  
And the brightest ones will someday lose their shine  
But the glass won't ever be half empty in my optimistic mind  
I'll still have a song to sing and a band to turn it up and play it loud  
As long as there's a bar room with a corner stage and a honky tonk crowd

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