Jimmy and Jesus

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(Dana Hunt Oglesby/Danny M. Wells)Jimmy was born in Bethlehem, Georgia
He grew up to be a carpenter by trade
We met four years ago on a job site
Said he'd just turned 29 on Christmas DayJimmy always had a hammer in his hand
I can still hear him driving those tenpenny nails
But Sunday morning you'd find him at the Baptist church
Giving thanks for his family, friends and his healthJimmy and Jesus sure did have a lot in common
Both born in December in a town with the same name
Jimmy and Jesus worked hard every day
Tryin' to make this world a better placeHis weekly paycheck barely paid his bills
Yet he could always find an extra ten to lend a friend
You'd hear them say "we'll pay ya back on Friday"
But he'd say "Don't worry about it"
And just look at them and grinJimmy and Jesus sure did have a lot in common
They'd give you the shirt right off their back
Jimmy and Jesus worked hard every day
Tryin' to make this old world a better placeLooking back I can't forget that rainy April afternoon
I slipped and fell while me and Jimmy were working on a roof
He reached out and saved me from fallin' down
But then he lost his balance and tumbled to the ground
Jimmy and Jesus sure did have a lot in common
They lived their lives unselfishly
And died to save a friend
Jimmy and Jesus worked hard everyday
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