## **Paul**

## **Bobby Bare**

Well he rode through the woods on a big blue ox He had fists as hard as choppin' blocks Five hundred pounds and nine feet tall that's Paul Talk about working when he swung his ax you could hear it ring for a mile and half He'd yell timber and down she'd fall for Paul Talk about drinkin' that man's so mean that he'd never drink nothin' but kerosene A five gallon can is a little bit small for Paul Talk about women that man's so lusty Needs a woman ever hour just to keep from gettin' rusty Young ones run and the old ones crawl to Paul Talk about tough well he once had a fight with a thunderstorm on a cold dark night I ain't sayin' who won but it don't storm at all round here thanks to Paul He was ninety years old when he said with a sigh Said I think I'm gonna lay right down and die Cause sunshine and sorrow I've seen it all says Paul Says there ain't no man alive can kill me ain't no woman left can thrill me And I think a heaven just might be a ball says Paul So he died and we cried It took eighteen men just to bust that ground Took three or four more just to lower him down Then we covered him up and we figured that was all for Paul But late one night the trees started shaking And the dogs started barking and the earth started quaking And out of the ground with the hi ye all came Paul Well he shook the dirt from off his clothes He scratched his ass and wiped his nose You know being dead wasn't no fun at all says Paul He said now up in heaven they got harps on their knees They got clouds and wings but they got no trees I don't think that's much of a heaven at all says Paul So he jumps on his ox with a fare thee well He said I'll find out if they got trees in hell And he rode away and that was all we ever seen of Paul Butthe next time you hear a timber yell That sounds like it's comin' from the pits of hell Then a boomin' laugh and a ghostly wail like somebody choppin' on the devil's tail Then a shout and a call a crash and a fall

That ain't no mortal man at all that's just Paul

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