

# The Way It Was In '51

## Merle Haggard & The Strangers

Sixty-Six was still a narrow two-lane highway  
Harry Truman was the man who ran the show  
    The bad Korean war was just beginning  
    And I was just three years too young to go  
Country music hadn't gone to New York City yet  
    And a service man was proud of what he'd done  
    And Hank and Lefty crowded every jukebox

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    And there's folks around I know, still remember well  
    Slow dancin' close together when a ballad played  
'Cause a thing called, 'Rock and Roll' was yet to come  
    It was a big year for a drive-in rest'rant, Carhop  
        And that's the way it was in '51  
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And that's the way it was in '51 Hank and Lefty crowded every jukebox  
    Oh Lord, that's the way it was in '51

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