

Family Funeral Fight

Ray Stevens

Now he was just a little fella
Barely 5'3
But he caused a great commotion
Down in Ducktown, Tennessee
Now it was nothing that the old man did
Or one word that he said;
Fact is the trouble didn't start
Till three days after he was dead. It was a military funeral
With the family gathered 'round
Come to show the old man honor
And to ease him in the ground
But murmurs spread among the crowd
And the mourners' blood ran cold
When up pulled the big squad car
Marked Tennessee State Patrol It was the old mans youngest son
Doing 25 to life
For burning down his brother's trailer
And running off with his wife
The entire family was divided
Held together by a shaky truce
And then a woman yelled,
'I still love you Al!' and all hell broke lose Brothers, uncles, sisters, cousins
Knife and fist fights by the dozens,
Yellin', spittin', bitin', hittin'
What a sight to see!
At the Ducktown knock down
Family funeral fight!
It started in the afternoon
And lasted half the night;
Ten were stabbed two were shot
Nobody walked or talked quite right
After the Ducktown, knock down
Family funeral fight! Well they called out the county Mounties
And more highway patrol
And after about an hour or two
They finally gained control
The sheriff said this is a disgrace
And I'm haulin' all y'all in
But not till we've brought this service

To a decent end
So the Honor Guard stepped forward
Fired their rifles in the air
An old lady who was snoozin'
Jumped and fell out of her chair
And as she hit that Astroturf you won't
Believe what happened then
A boy yelled "Whoa, they shot grandma!"
And here we go again
Mourners, Police, Honor Guards,
Relatives from near and far
Cussin', fussin', bitin', and hittin',
What a sight to see!
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Family funeral fight!
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And lasted half the night;
10 were stabbed 2 were shot
Nobody walked or talked quite right
After the Ducktown, knock down
Family funeral fight!
It was the Ducktown, knock down
Family funeral feud!
You can't believe the mayhem
And the chaos that ensued!
Why they even shot the sheriff,
Punched out the preacher's lights,
At the Ducktown, knock down
Family funeral fight!
The Ducktown, knock down
Family funeral fight!

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