

Lone Star Blues

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At a truck stop in San Angelo
I saw a billboard 'bout this rodeo
Last weekend out in El Paso
So I signed up to rideI drew a bull called Original Sin
Heard he'd killed a couple of men
Figured this was somethin' I could win
'Cause the devil's on my sideI was havin' myself one hell of a ride
When I, I ended up disqualified
'Cause that danged old bull just up and died
Before they blew the whistleWhen I got them North Texas blues
Thought, I'd paid all my dues
Then them South Texas blues
Told me, son you ain't throughHad them East Texas blues
And them West Texas too
I've done all I know to do
Tryin' to lose, tryin' to lose these lone star bluesI got laid off at Brown and Root
On my way back to Cut and Shoot
I lost my wristwatch and my boots
Shootin' dice with a dude from HoustonThere ain't no jobs here workin' cattle
So I got on part time haulin' gravel
With some outfit from Seattle
Down here buildin' custom homesWhen I got them North Texas blues
Thought, I'd paid all my dues
And then them South Texas blues
Told me son you ain't throughHad them East Texas blues
And them West Texas too
I've done all I know to do
Tryin' to lose, tryin' to lose these lone star blues, alrightI gassed up my truck and packed my clothes
Turned in my key and hit the road
I said, Cowtown's where I'll go
You never know I might get luckyI got a friend there turning knobs
At this place called Billy Bob's
Said he could get me a job
There workin' as a bouncerFirst night on the job was just insane
Some ol' boy got all deranged
Hit me in the head with a Harley chain
To this day my ears still ringI got them North Texas blues
Thought, I'd paid all my dues
And them South Texas blues

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