5000 Country Music Songs

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I started writing country songs in 1962

Just a dream that I had on my mind

My girl and I got married in 1963

We tried so hard to keep our dreams alive

So I bought an old house-trailer out on the countryside

You can't write country songs in town they say

We packed up and moved out there and as the time went by

We found that we liked living free that wayI got me an old Cadillac just to have around

Cadillacs and country songs were meant to be

I heard that old Hank Williams drove one just like mine
So I thought that something might rub off on meYou can take what you want after I'm gone
It's only just a little place that we called home sweet home
One old house trailer two rusty Cadillacs and 5000 country music songsI always sent my songs up to Nashville

town

In case the boys could use a guy like me
But the mailman brought 'em right back down and I think it made him sad
You're bound to get you one just wait and seeI recall the year Ray Price came through town
His tour bus parked about a mile from here
I sat there in the backseat of that old Coupe De Ville

Those shoes were just too big to fill that yearA song on Bobby Bare would take you anywhere

If I'm still here it wasn't for lack of trying

My wife would tell me Honey I'm feelin' somethin' there

Don't care if Bobby never reads a lineChorusThen late one summer evening she called me to her side

Saying sing me something in your real old style

The one I like to hear Bobby Bare passed by I'll just close my eyes and rest a while

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Well she liked that big old tree and the honeysuckle vine

And the mocking bird that sang so tenderly

I just packed up all those song words and my old guitar

I locked them up and threw away the key

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