

Family Tradition

Hank Williams

[Verse 1]

E
Country music singers,
A
Have always been a real close family,
B
But Lately some of my kinfolk,
E
Have disowned a few others and me,
A
I guess it s because, I kinda changed my direction,
B
E
Lord I guess I went and broke their family tradition,

They get on me and wanna know Hank,

[Chorus]

E
Why do ya drink?,
A
Hank why do you roll smoke?,
B
E
And why must you live out the songs that you wrote?,
A
Over and over every body met my prediction,
B
E
If I get stoned I m just carrying on an old family tradition

[Verse 2]

E
A
I am very proud, of my daddy s name,
B
E

Although his kind of music and mine ain t exactly the same,
A
Stop and think it over, put yourself in my position,
B
E
If I get stoned and sing all night long it s a family tradition,

So don t ask me Hank,

[Chorus]

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Hank why do you roll smoke?,
B
E

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B

E

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[Verse 3]

A

Lordy I have loved some ladies, and I have loved Jim Beam,

B

E

And they both tried to kill me, in 1973,

A

When that doctor asked me, son how d ya get in this position?,

B

E

I said a hey sawbones I m just a carrying on and ol family tradition,

So don t ask me Hank,

[Chorus]

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