

Country music **s**ingers have always been a **r**eal close fam-i-ly
 But **l**ately some of my **k**infolk have dis-**o**wned a few others and **m**e
I guess it's be-**c**ause I kind of **ch**anged my di-**r**ec-tion
Lord I guess I **w**ent and broke their ... family tra-**d**i-tion

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They get on me and want to know

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Hank, **W**hy do you **d**rink? **W**hy do you roll **s**moke?
Why must you **l**ive out the **s**ongs that you **w**rote?
Over and **o**ver, every**b**ody makes my pre-**d**i-c-tion
 So if **I** get stoned, I'm just **c**arrying on an old ... family tra-**d**i-tion

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I am very proud of my daddy's name
 All though his kind of music and mine ain't exactly the same
 Stop and think it over, put yourself in my position
 If I get stoned and sing all night long its a family tradition

Don't ask me, ...

If I'm down in a honky-tonk and some ole slick's trying to give me friction
 I'll say leave me alone, I'm singing all night long ... it's a family tradition

Lord I have loved some ladies, and I have loved Jim Beam
 And they both tried to kill me in 1973.
 When that doctor asked me, son how did you get in this condition?
 I said, hey sawbones I'm just carrying on an old ... family tradition

So don't ask me, ...

Stop and think it over, try and put yourself in my unique position
 If I get stoned and sing all night long, its a ... family tradition