

## RECITATION: THE PROUDEST FIDDLE IN THE WORLD

[Spoken:]

Merle titled this album Let Me Tell You About A Song  
But right now let me tell you about a fiddle  
One that was given to Merle out of kindness by the great Bob Wills

After leavin' the Wills' home that day  
Merle was so moved he just sat and stared silently at the fiddle for a long  
time

Finally he said wish this fiddle could talk  
Then he said on second thought  
What if that fiddle that's in the Hall of Fame  
The one he played on San Antonio Rose could just talk  
What a story it could tell  
And Merle said I think if I were that fiddle this is what I'd say

[Sang:]

Who I am and what I was I'm sure the whole world knows  
Why I'm the great Bob Wills fiddle that played on San Antonio Rose  
But I lay here now in the Hall of Fame a show piece that no one plays  
And my tone that used to thrill the dancin' crowds is gone  
with the good ole days.

I wish my strings could just talk and tell my story to all the passin' fans  
Boy I'd I'd even like to rear back and play a break down  
But I can't do it without the master's hands  
Yeah I was part of something great and I know it  
I even played on the Old Brown Skin Girl  
Tho my strings are old and dusty now  
I'm still the proudest fiddle in the world...