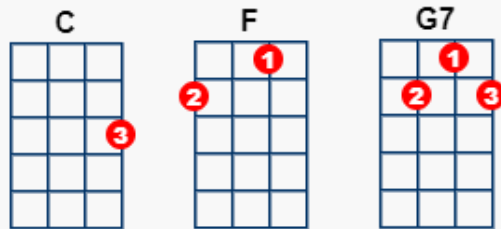


A Family Tradition – Hank Williams Jnr (1979)



[C] Country music singers have been a [F] real close family,
But [G7] lately some of my kinfolks have disowned a few others and [C] me.
I guess it's because I kind of [F] changed my direction.
[G7] Lord, I guess I went and broke their family [C] tradition.

They get on me and want to know "Hank [C] why do you drink?"

[F] "Why do you roll smoke?"

[G7] "Why must you live out the songs that you [C] wrote?"

Over and over every[F]body makes my predictions.

[G7] So, if I get stoned, I'm just carrying on an old family [C] tradition.

[C] I am very proud of my [F] daddy's name.
All [G7] though his kind of music and mine ain't exactly the [C] same.
Stop and think it over. [F] Put yourself in my position.
[G7] If I get stoned and sing all night long, it's a family [C] tradition.

So, don't ask me, "Hank [C] why do you drink?"

"Hank, [F] why do you roll smoke?"

[G7] "Why must you live out the songs that you [C] wrote?"

If I'm down in a honky-tonk [F] some ole slick's trying to give me friction.

[G7] I said leave me alone. I'm singing all night long it's a [C] family tradition.

[C] Lord, I have loved some ladies [F] and I have loved Jim Beam,
[G7] And they both tried to kill me in [C] 1973.
When that doctor asked me, "Son, [F] how did you get in this condition?"
[G7] I said, "Hey sawbones, I'm just carrying on an ole family [C] tradition."

So, don't ask me, "Hank [C] why do you drink?"

"Hank, [F] why do you roll smoke?"

[G7] "Why must you live out the songs that you [C] wrote?"

Stop and think it over, try [F] and put yourself in my unique position.

[G7] So, if I get stoned, I'm just carrying on an old family [C] tradition.