John Prine, Picture Show

A young man from a small town
With a very large imagination
Lay alone in his room with his radio on
Looking for another station
When the static from the mouthpiece
Gave way to the sound below
James Dean went out to Hollywood
And put his picture in a Picture Show.
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Chorus:

And It's Oh Daddy get off of your knees Mamma why'd you have to go Your darling Jim is out a limb I put my picture in a Picture Show Whoa Ho! Put my picture in a Picture Show

Hamburgers Cheeseburgers
Wilbur and Orville Wright
John Garfield in the afternoon
Montgomery Clift at night
When the static hit the mouthpiece
Gave way to the sound below
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And put his picture in a Picture Show.

Repeat Chorus:

A Mocca man in a wigwam sitting on a Reservation. With a big black hole in the belly of his soul Waiting on an explanation While the white man sits on his fat can And takes pictures of the Navajo Every time he clicks his Kodak pics He steals a little bit of soul. Every time he clicks his Kodak pics He steals a little bit of soul.

Repeat Chorus:

Yie Hi! Put my picture in a Picture Show Here we go! A young man from a small town With a very large imagination...