Craig Morgan, I Wish I Could See Bakersfield

(Buddy Cannon)

I was takin' a walk through a small country city Just seem' what there was to see I sat down to read a historical marker When I felt someone sit down by me

He leaned on the tank that was helping his breathing Said it's bad when your body is gone I said this is sure a nice town that you've got here He said yeah, but there's no place like home

I wish I could see Bakersfield
Where the oil wells are pumpin'
The oranges are bloomin'
And the grapevine winds down from the hill
When I close my eyes I can touch the clear skies
At the corner where I used to live
Oh I wish I could see Bakersfield

He said you don't ever know where life's gonna lead you When you go ramblin' off down the track Sometimes I wish I'd never left California Then I couldn't want to go back

Recitation:

He said "You know, I used to be a well-known country singer Made my first record back in 1953 At one time Buck Owens was my lead guitar player And ol' Hag once wrote a song about me"

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