

# Dean Strickland, Why Did Classic Country Music

Growing up  
I loved both Rock and Roll  
And Country music  
Then it was clear  
To hear how the two could be  
Easily distinguished

But just the other day  
I heard a Heavy Metal  
Guitar solo played  
In one of the New  
Country songs

And as much as I wanna stay  
Positive  
I just have to say  
I think that's just plain wrong

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Tell me why, oh, why  
Did Classic Country music  
Have to die?  
Where do they get off  
Mixin' Country stories and singers  
With Hard Rock and Pop?

Am I alone  
In that at times  
It makes me want to cry?  
Oh, tell me why, oh, why  
Did Classic Country music  
Have to die?

Now, I do have my  
Favorite Rock and Roll  
Styled drummers  
But when I hear one  
Playing in a Country band  
I think they should try another

I think all Country musicians  
Should learn the formula  
That the Classic Country heroes used

It's really not that difficult  
The way that  
They mixed Bluegrass up  
With good old Gospel and Blues

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