

# The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Tennessee Stud

Along about eighteen twenty-five  
I left Tennessee very much alive  
And I never would have gotten through the Arkansas mud  
If I hadn't been a-ridin' that Tennessee stud

I had some trouble with my sweetheart's pa  
And one of her brothers was a bad outlaw  
I sent her a letter by my Uncle Fud  
And I rode away on the Tennessee stud

## CHORUS:

The Tennessee stud was long and lean  
The color of the sun and his eyes were green  
A-He had the nerve and he had the blood  
And there never was a hoss like the Tennessee stud

We drifted on down into no man's land  
We crossed that river called the Rio Grande  
I raced my hoss with the Spaniard's foal  
Till I got me a skin full of silver and gold

Me and the gambler we couldn't agree  
We got in a fight over Tennessee  
We jerked our guns, and he fell with a thud  
And I got away on the Tennessee stud

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Well I got just as lonesome as a man can be  
A-Dreaming of my girl in Tennessee  
The Tennessee stud's green eyes turned blue  
Cause he was a-dreamin' of his sweetheart, too

We loped right back across Arkansas  
I whoop her brother and I whoop her pa  
When I found that girl with the golden hair  
And she was A-ridin' that Tennessee mare (whoa, boy)

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Stirrup to stirrup and side by side  
We crossed them mountains and the valleys wide  
We came into Big Muddy then we forded a flood  
On the Tennessee mare and the Tennessee stud

There's a pretty little baby on the cabin floor  
A little hoss colt playin' 'round the door  
I love the girl with golden hair  
And the Tennessee stud loves the Tennessee mare (They're good hosses)

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