

## SONGWRITER MANUSCRIPTS • LESSON 9

**"Chasin' That Neon Rainbow" (excerpt)***Alan Jackson and Jim McBride*

wanted  
 to be  
 for that  
 bar  
 bar  
 singing  
 in  
 the  
 kitchen  
 singing  
 in  
 car  
 human  
 jukebox

Daddy won a radio  
 Tuned it to a country show  
~~I was rockin' to the rhythm of an old flat top guitar~~  
 I was rockin' in the cradle  
 To the ~~cradle~~ cryin' of a steel guitar  
 Momma used to sing to me  
 Taught me that sweet harmony  
 Now she worries cause she never thought  
~~I'd ever really take it this far~~  
 I'm singin' in the bars  
~~Chasin'~~ Chasin' that neon rainbow  
 + livin' that honky tonk dream  
  
 Chasin' that neon rainbow  
 + livin' that honky tonk dream



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## "Gentle on My Mind" (excerpt)

John Hartford

ITS KNOWING THAT YOUR DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN  
 & YOUR PATH IS FREE TO WALK  
 THAT MAKES ME TEND TO LEAVE MY SLEEPING BAG  
 ROLLED UP & STASHED BEHIND YOUR COUCH  
 & IT'S KNOWING I'M NOT SHACKLED BY FORGOTTEN WORDS  
 AND BONDS, OR THE INK STAINS THAT HAVE  
 DRIED UP ON SOME LINE  
 THAT KEEPS YOU ON THE BACKROADS BY THE RIVERS  
 OF MY MEMORIES, AND KEEPS YOU EVER  
 GENTLE ON MY MIND

ITS NOT CLINGING TO THE ROCKS & IVY PLANTED  
 ON SOME COLUMN NOW THAT BINDS ME  
 OR SOMETHING THAT SOME BODY SAID, <sup>BECAUSE THEY</sup> ~~SOMEONE~~  
 THOUGHT WE FIT TOGETHER WALKING  
 ITS JUST KNOWING THAT THE WORLD WILL NOT BE  
 CURSING OR ~~FORGETTING~~ <sup>FORGIVING</sup> IF I WALK ALONG  
 THIS RAILROAD TRACK AND FIND  
 THAT YOU'RE <sup>MOVING</sup> ~~STAYING~~ <sup>ON</sup> ~~THE~~ THE BACKROADS  
 BY THE RIVERS OF MY MEMORY, EVER SMILING  
 EVER GENTLE ON MY MIND



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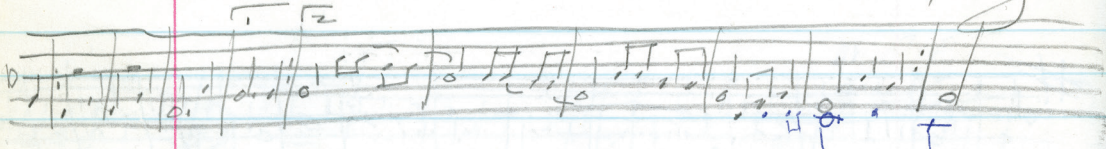
**"Love Hurts" (excerpt) • Lesson 9**

Boudleaux Bryant • Recorded by Emmylou Harris and Gram Parsons, and The Everly Brothers

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Love Hurts

Boudleaux Bryant



Love hurts love scars  
 " ~~pains~~ wounds and mars  
 any heart not tough  
 nor strong enough  
 to take a lot of pain  
 " " " " "  
 love is like a cloud  
 holds a lot of rain love hurts  
 I'm young I know  
 But even so  
 I know the score a thing or two  
 I've learned from you  
 To take a lot of pain  
 " " " " "  
~~love is like~~  
 I've really learned a lot  
 " " " "  
 love is like a flame stove  
 burns you when it's hot love hurts

1st Recording Album (1964?)  
 First Recording  
 Ray Robinson 1962 or 3  
 1965  
 Cat by Ray Robinson