

Auctioneer Song - Hank Snow

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There [G]was a boy in Arkansas, who [C]wouldn't listen to his ma,
when she [D]told him he should go to [G]school.[D]
He'd [G]sneak away in the afternoon, take a [C]little walk and pretty soon
you'd [D]find him at the local auction [G]barn.
He'd [C]stand and listen carefully, then [G]pretty soon he began to see,
how the [A]auctioneer could talk so rapid[D]ly.
He [G]said, "Oh, my, it's do or die, I've [C]got to learn that auction cry,
gotta [D]make my mark and be an auction[G]eer."

Twenty-[G]five dollar, bid it now, thirty dollar, thirty,
will you [C]gimme thirty, make it thirty, bid it on a thirty dollar,
[D]will you gimme thirty, who'll-I bid it at a thirty dollar bid ?
[G]Thirty dollar, bid it now, thirty-five, will you gimme [C]thirty-five,
to make it thirty-five, to bid it a thirty-five, [D]who woulda bid it at a thirty-five dollar [G]bid ?

As [G]time went on, he did his best, and [C]all could see, he didn't jest,
he [D]practiced calling bids both night and [G]day.[D]
His [G]pap would find him behind the barn just [C]working up an awful storm,
as he [D]tried to imitate the auction[G]eer.
Then his [C]pap said, "Son, we just can't stand to [G]have a mediocre man,
sellin' [A]things at auction using our good [D]name
I'll [G]send you off to auction school, then [C]you'll be nobody's fool,
you can [D]take your place among the [G]best."

Thirty-[G]five dollar, bid it now, forty dollar, forty,
will you [C]gimme forty, make it forty, bid it on a forty dollar,
[D]will you gimme forty, who'll-I bid it at a forty dollar bid ?
[G]Forty dollar, bid it now, forty-five, will you gimmie [C]forty-five,
to make it forty-five, to bid it a forty-five, [D]who woulda bid it at a forty-five dollar [G]bid ?

So [G]from that boy who went to school,
there [C]grew a man who played it cool,
and [D]came back home a full-fledged auction[G]eer.[D]
And the [G]people came from miles around,
just to [C]hear him make that rhythmic sound,
that [D]filled their hearts with such a happy [G]cheer.
His [C]fame spread out from shore to shore, he [G]had all he could do and more,
[A]had to buy a plane to get a[D]round. Now [G]he's the tops in all the land,
let's [C]pause and give that man a hand, he's the [D]best of all the auction[G]eers.

Forty-[G]five dollar bid it now, fifty dollar, fifty,
will you [C]gimme fifty, make it fifty, bid it on a fifty dollar,
[D]will you gimmie fifty, who'll-I bid it at a fifty dollar bid ?
[G]Fifty dollar, bid it now, fifty-five, will you gimmie [C]fifty-five,
to make it fifty-five, to bid it a fifty-five, [D] who woulda bid it at a fifty-five dollar [G]bid.

[NC]Sold to _____ for a fifty-five dollar bill.

Here we come with lot number 29 in, what'd ya gonna give?

