

**Classic Country New South
By Cain Pence**

Titans, Cumberland, Vanderbilt, Steel guitar
Honky tonks, New lofts, Shady bar

Southern charm, Biscuits and gravy
Country farm, Volunteers from the Navy

Grand Ole Opry, Shiny modern shops
Down home cooking, Good ole boy cops

New Somali immigrants and Old whiskey
Bible belt and Taylor Swift getting frisky

Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Music row
Record studios, Head shops, Making dough

Gospel music, Smokes, Cheating and drinking
Deep fried, E-cigs, New Southern thinking

Dreamers and drunks, Pork chops and honey
Traditional Christian values, Sacrilegious new money

Hills and hillbillies, Guns, Bibles and grits
Penthouses and playboys, Reality TV skits

Lawyers and ad men, Hustlers and mad men
Bankers and ramblers, Hucksters and gamblers

Ryman Auditorium, Music Hall of Fame, Dolly Parton
Jim Beam bottle, Discarded Trojan, Winston carton

Classic country and New South meet y'all see
Welcome to Nashville Tennessee

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