

# Matthew

## John Denver

Had an uncle named Matthew  
Was his father's only boy  
Born just south of Colby, Kansas  
Was his mother's pride and joy Yes, and joy was just the thing that he was raised on  
Love was just the way to live and die  
Gold was just a windy Kansas wheatfield  
Blue, just a Kansas summer sky All the stories that he told me  
Back when I was just a lad  
All the memories that he gave me  
All the good times that he had Growin' up a Kansas farmboy  
Life was mostly havin' fun  
Ridin' on his daddy's shoulders  
Behind a view beneath the sun  
Yes, and joy was just the thing that he was raised on  
Love was just the way to live and die  
Gold was just a windy Kansas wheatfield  
Blue is just a Kansas summer sky Well, I guess there were some hard times  
And I'm told some years were lean  
They had a storm in forty-seven  
A twister came and stripped them clean He lost the farm and lost his family  
He lost the wheat and lost his home  
But he found a family Bible  
Faith as solid as a stone Yes, and joy was just the thing that he was raised on  
Love was just the way to live and die  
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Blue, just a Kansas summer sky  
So he came to live at our house  
And he came to work the land  
He came to ease my daddy's burden  
And he came to be my friend So, I wrote this down for Matthew  
And it's for him the song is sung  
Ridin' on his daddy's shoulders  
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