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| **Ragged Old Flag!Written by Johnny Cash** |

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| I walked through a county courthouse square.On a park bench an old man was sitting there.I said, "Your old Court House is kinda run down."He said, "No, it will do for our little town."I said, "Your old flag Pole is leaning a little bit.And that's a ragged old Flag you've got hanging on it."He said, "Have a seat," and I sat down"Is the first time that you've been to our little town?""Well," he said, "I don't like to brag,But we're kinda proud of that ragged old Flag.You see, we got a little hole in the Flag there,When Washington took it across the Delaware.And it got powder burns, the night Francis Scott Key,Sat watching it, writing 'Oh, Say, Can You See.'And it got a bad rip at New Orleans,When Packingham and Jackson took it to the sceneAnd, it almost fell at the Alamo beside the Texas FlagBut she waved on throughShe got cut with a sword at Chancerville,And she got cut again at Shilo HillThere was Robert E. Lee, Bouregard and BraggThe South wind blew hard on that Old Ragged FlagOn Flanders Field in World War OneShe got a big hole from a Bertha GunShe turned BLOOD RED World War Two,And she hung limp and low a time or two.She was in Korea and VietnamShe went from our ships upon the briny foam.Now they've about quit waving her back here at homeIn our good land she's been abused,She's been burned, dishonored, denied, and refusedAnd the Government for which she standsIs scandalized through out the land.She's getting threadbare and she's wearing thin,But, she's in good shape for the shape she's in,Because she's been through the fire before,I believe she can take a whole lot more.So we raise her up every morning, and weTake her down every night,We don't let her touch the ground,and we fold her up right.On second thought, I DO LIKE TO BRAG,BECAUSE I'M MIGHTY PROUD OF THAT RAGGED OLD FLAG! |