

# **“AUDIE MURPHY”<sup>1</sup>**

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Audie Murphy was born in Hunt County, Texas  
On the twentieth day of June, nineteen twenty-four  
The sixth of thirteen children, his parents were farmers  
They were sharecroppers, and they were dirt poor.

Audie grew up tough and had a bad temper  
And he would fight you anytime or anyplace  
He was a daredevil, and nothing could scare him  
He was tough as an old boot, though he had a baby face.

When Audie joined the army at the age of seventeen  
He was five foot seven and he weighed a hundred and thirty pounds  
And when the war was over, he came home a hero  
And everybody in Hunt County, claimed he was from their home town.

Hollywood wanted Audie to be in the movie  
About his life’s story, and what he did in the war  
So Audie left Texas, and went to California  
And it wasn’t long until he was a movie star.

Though he had fame and fortune, Audie was still restless  
For some reason Audie Murphy couldn’t settle down  
In nineteen seventy one, he died in a plane crash  
He was forty-six years old when that plane hit the ground.

The most decorated soldier in America’s history  
Audie Murphy put the uncle in Uncle Sam  
And as long as there are people livin’ in Hunt County, Texas  
Audie Murphy never will be forgotten by them.

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