

## The Ride

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Well I was thumbnin' from Montgomery had my guitar on my back  
When a stranger stopped beside me in an antique Cadillac  
Now he was dressed like 1950, half drunk and hollow-eyed  
Said, "It's a long walk to Nashville, would you like a ride, son?"

Well I sat down in the front seat and turned on the radio  
And them sad old songs comin' out of them  
Speakers was solid country gold  
Then I noticed the stranger was  
Ghost-white pale when he asked me for a light  
And I knew there was something strange about this ride

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Have you paid your dues, can you moan the blues?  
Can you bend them, guitar strings?"  
He said, "Boy can you make folks feel what you feel inside?  
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Then he cried just south of Nashville and he turned that car around  
He said, "This is where you get off boy I'm goin' back to Alabama"  
As I stepped out of that Cadillac I said, "Mr., many thanks"  
He said, "You don't have to call me Mr., Mr.  
The whole world called me Hank

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