He said, ?The storm is gettin' stronger? As he climbed inside my truck I'm headed back to Carolina God's willin' an' he learned

An' he told me how he'd left his family So many years ago An' he'd seen the whole world on the shoulders But now it's time to go back home

An' he said, ?This road goes on forever I've been travellin' all my life
An' I've seen the rain, I've felt the thunder
But it never changed my mind
I'm goin' back to Caroline?

I dropped him off at the State line An' then I thought about my life An' everything I left behind me Two children an' my wife

I left 'em waitin' for a phone call An' that was twenty days ago But now I'm in it for the long-haul An' it's time to go back home

An' this damn road keeps gettin' longer
I've been travellin' it some time
An' I've seen the rain, I've felt the thunder roll on
But it never changed my mind
I'm goin' back to Caroline

Yeah, yeah, whoa, Lord I'm going back to Caroline Whoa, oh