

# The Wheel

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If I took a rollin' wheel  
And rolled it ten times round  
Would it travel far from here  
Or would it just go round  
Round and Round

As a young boy I helped the old man  
Workin' in the fields  
And everyday, we hauled the hay  
To the rollin' of the wheels  
'Til one day the tractor laid  
The old man down to the ground  
The tractor pitched him into a ditch and  
Left a dusty sound  
Of the wheel that kept spinnin' round  
The wheel that kept spinnin' round

Rollin' wheel, rollin' on  
Takin' us all on our way  
Rollin' wheel, rollin' on  
Takin' back all that they gave  
Takin' us all on our way  
Takin' back all that they save

I've never knew my father well  
The war called him too soon  
Said he was an officer  
Saw some pictures in my room  
The letter said he was reported dead  
Near the front lines he'd been found  
A mine blew his jeep into a twisted heep  
And I still hear the sound  
Of the wheel that kept spinnin' round.

Rollin' wheel, rollin' on  
Takin' us all on our way  
Rollin' wheels, rollin' on  
Takin' us all to the grave  
Takin' back all that they save  
Takin' us all on our way

My brother chased a dream of wheels  
His whole life geared for the race  
As soon as he could, he drove off for good  
His whole life was short, quick, and straight  
He only lived to spin those wheels  
And make that move over ground  
'Til the steering failed and he crashed the rail  
And he laid there still for the sounds  
Of the wheel that kept spinning round.

Rollin' wheel, they're rollin' on  
Takin' us all on our way  
The rollin' wheels, rollin' on  
Takin' back all that they gave  
Takin' us all on our way  
Takin' back all that they say

As for me, my life's too short  
The wheel has carried my far  
Around this world 100 times  
By bus, truck, train, bike , or car (???)  
And just like the rest I roll on to my death  
On a country road far from town  
I stare by the wheel just as sure as I feel  
That there won't be but one sound  
That's the wheel that keeps spinning round

Yeah the wheel that keeps spinning round

Rollin wheels, rollin' on  
Takin us all on our way  
The rollin' wheels, rollin' on  
Takin' back all that they say  
Takin us all on our way  
Takin' us all on our way

The rollin' wheels, yeah rollin' on  
Takin' back all that they gave  
Takin' us all on our way