

# Highway Patrolman

Johnny Cash

**A** **D** **A**  
My name is Joe Roberts I work for the State  
**E**  
I'm a sergeant out on Perenville barracks No 8

**A** **D** **A**  
I've always done an honest job honest as I could  
**E** **A**  
Got a brother named Frankie Frankie ain't no good

Ever since we were young kids it's been the same come down  
I'd get a call on a short way Frankie's in trouble downtown

But if it was any other man I'd put him straight away  
But sometimes when it's your brother you look the other way

**D** **A**  
R: Yeah me and Frankie laughing and drinking  
**D** **A**  
nothing feels better than blood on blood  
**D** **A**  
Taking turns dancing with Maria  
**E**  
While the band played The Night Of The Johnstown Flood

I catch him when he's strayin' like any brother should  
Man turns his back on his family he ain't no good

Well Frankie went into the army back in 1965  
I got a farm deferment settled down took Maria for my wife

But them wheat prices kept on dropping till it was like we's gettin' robbed  
Frankie came home in '68 and me I took this job

R: Yeah me and Frankie laughing and drinking...

I catch him when he's straying teach him how to walk that line  
Man turns his back on his family ain't no friend of mine

The night was like any other I got a call bout the quarter of nine  
There was trouble at a roadhouse out on the Michigan line

There was a kid on the floor looking bad bleeding hard from his head  
There was a girl crying at a table it was Frankie she said

I ran out and I jumped in my car then I hit the lights  
I must have done about a hundred and ten to Michigan County that night

It was down by the crossroads out bout willow bank  
Seen the buick with Ohio plates behind the wheel was Frank

Well I chased him through them county roads  
Till the sign said Canadian border five miles from here  
Pulled over to the side out the highway watched his taillights disappeared

R: Yeah me and Frankie laughing and drinking...

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Man turns his back on his family ain't no good