

Ballad Of Thunder Road, The

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Thanks Gary Jensen

[C] Let me tell the story, I can tell it all
[G7] About the mountain boy who ran illegal alco-[C]hol
[C] His daddy made the whiskey, son, he drove the load
[G7] When his engine roared, they called the highway thunder [C] road.

[C] Sometimes into Ashville, sometimes Memphis town
The [G7] revenuers chased him but they couldn't run him [C] down
Each [C] time they thought they had him, his engine would explode
He'd [G7] go by like they were standing still on thunder [C] road.

And there was [F] thunder, thunder [C] over thunder road
[G7] Thunder was his engine, and white [C] lightning was his load
There was [F] moonshine, moonshine to [C] quench the devil's thirst
The [G7] law they swore they'd get him, but the devil got him [C] first.

[C] On the first of April, nineteen fifty-four
A [G7] federal man sent word he'd better make his run no [C] more
He [C] said two hundred agents were covering the state
Which-[G7]ever road he tried to take, they'd get him sure as [C] fate.

[C] Son, his daddy told him, make this run your last
Your [G7] tank is filled with 100-proof, you're all tuned up and [C] gassed
Now, [C] don't take any chances, if you can't get through
I'd [G7] rather have you back again than all that mountain [C] dew.

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[C] Roaring out of Harlan, revvin' up his mill
He [G7] shot the gap at Cumberland, and [C] screamed by Maynardville
With [C] G-men on his taillights, roadblocks up ahead
The [G7] mountain boy took roads that even angels feared to [C] tread.

[C] Blazin' right through Knoxville, out on Kingston Pike
Then [G7] right outside of Bearden, they made the fatal [C] strike
He [C] left the road at ninety, that's all there is to say
The [G7] devil got the moonshine and the mountain boy that [C] day.

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