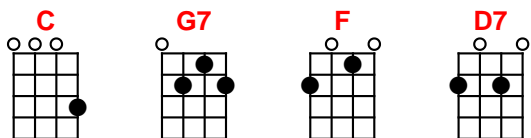


BACKIN' TO BIRMINGHAM

Recorded by Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs Words and music by Lester Flatt and Burkett Graves



C **G7** **C**
Read an ad in Austin's Sunday paper
G7 **C**
Help wanted semi driver needed bad
F **C**
I walked in I said I'd like to see the foreman
D7 **G7**
And I told him all the experience that I had

C **G7** **C**
He said son you're just the man I needed
G7 **C**
He handed me the keys and shook my hand
F **C**
He pointed to the truck and said I'll see you
G7 **C**
Now take that load of steel to Birmin' ham.

F
Well I finally got inside and got it started
Put it into gear and started backin' up
Tried every way to get it goin' forward
D7 **G7**
Oh, but I ain't never drove a big old truck

C **G7** **C**
Well it wasn't easy backin' through the traffic
G7 **C**
And I'll bet I'm the first truck drivin' man
F **C**
That ever left Austin in a semi
G7 **C**
And backed it all the way to Birmin' ham.

C **G7** **C**
Well the police pulled me over out in Vicksburg
G7 **C**
What do you think you're doin', I just smiled
F **C**
I said I just got tired of goin' forward
D7 **G7**
So I thought I'd drive it backwards for a while

C **G7** **C**
Well, I backed it in a truck stop and said fill it
G7 **C**
And check the oil, it probably needs a can
F **C**
He said tell me which way are you backin'
G7 **C**
I said I'm backin' east to Birmin' ham.

F
Oh, there must be a button in here somewhere...
That I can push to turn this rig around...
Now I can make it fine out in the country
D7 **G7**
But sure have trouble gettin' through the towns

C But if I keep it up I'll finally make it... **G7** **C**

And I'll bet I'm the first truck drivin' man **G7** **C**

That ever left Austin in a semi **F** **C**

And backed it all the way... to Birmin' ham. **G7** **C**

Yeah I made it all the way... to Birmin' ham... **G7** **C**