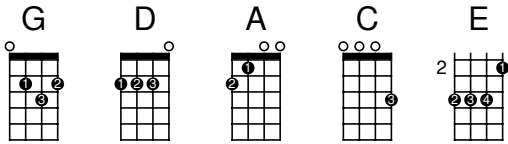


# The Ride

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(Intro)

[G] [D] [A] [G] [D] [A]

(Verse)

[A]I was thumbin from Montgomery [C]

[C]I had my guitar on my back [D]

[D]When a stranger stopped beside me in an [A]antique Cadillac

[A]He was dressed like 1950

Half-[C]drunk and hollow-eyed

He said "It's a [D]long walk to Nashville, would you like a [A]ride, son?"

Well [A]I sat down in the front seat

And he [C]turned on the radio

And them [D]sad old songs comin outta them speakers was [A]solid country gold

[A]Then I noticed the stranger was ghost-white pale when he [C]asked me for a  
light

And I [D]knew there was somethin strange about this ride[A]

(Chorus)

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[A]"Have you paid your dues? Can you moan the blues?"

"Can you [E]bend them guitar strings?"

He said "[G]Boy, can you make folks [D]feel what you feel [A]inside?"

"Cause if you're [G]big star bound, let me [D]warn ya it's a long hard [A]ride"

(Break)

[G] [D] [A] [G] [D] [A]

(Verse)

[A]Well he cried just south of Nashville

And he [C]turned that car around

He said [D]"This is where you get off, boy, cause I'm [A]goin' back to Alabam'

[A]As I stepped out of that Cadillac [C]

I[C] said "Mister, many thanks."

He said "[D]You don't have to call me mister, mister"

"The [A]whole world called me Hank"

(Chorus)

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