

THUNDER ROAD

By Robert Mitchum

C
I CAN TELL THE STORY I CAN TELL IT ALL ABOUT THE MOUNTIAN
C
BOY WHO RAN ILLEGAL ALCOHOL HIS DADDY MADE THE WHISKEY
G
HIS SON HE DROVE THE LOAD WHEN HIS ENGINE ROARED THEY
C
CALLED THE HIGHWAY THUNDER ROAD SOMETIMES INTO ASHVILLE
G
SOMETIMES MEMPHIS TOWN THE REVENUERS CHASED HIM BUT THEY
C
NEVER BROUGHT HIM DOWN EACH TIME THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD
G
HIM HIS ENGINE WOULD EXPLODE AND HE'D GO BY LIKE THEY
C
WERE STANDING STILL ON THUNDER ROAD (CHORUS) AND THERE
F C G
WAS THUNDER THUNDER OVER THUNDER ROAD THUNDER WAS HIS
C
ENGINE AND WHITE LIGHTNING WAS HIS LOAD THERE WAS
F C G
MOONSHINE MOONSHINE TO QUENCH THE DEVILS THIRST THE LAW
C
THEY SWORE THEY'D GET HIM BUT THE DEVIL GOT HIM FIRST. ON
G
THE FIRST ON APRIL 1954 A FED'RAL MAN SENT WORD THAT HE'D'
C
MAKE HIS RUN NO MORE; HE SENT 200 AGENTS COVERING THE
G C
STATE WHICH EVER ROAD HE'D TRY TO TAKE THEY'D GET HIM
C
SURE AS FATE SON HIS DADDY TOLD HIM MAKE THIS RUN YOUR
G C
LAST THE TANK IS FILLED WITH 100 PROOF YOUR ALL TUNED UP
C
AND GASSED NOW DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES IF YOU CAN'T GET THROUGH
G C
I'D RATHER HAVE YOU BACK AGAIN THAN ALL THAT
C
MOUNTIAN DEW ROARING OUT OF HARLEM REIVING UP HIS MILL HE
G C
SHOT THE GAP AT CUMBERLAND AND SCREAMED BY MAYNARDSVILLE
C
WITH G MEN ON HIS TAIL LIGHTS ROAD BLOCKS UP AHEAD THE
G C
MOUNTIAN BOY TOOK ROADS THAT DAY THAT ANGLES FEAR TO
G
TREAD BLAZING THROUGH KNOXVILLE OUT ON KINGSTON'S PIKE
G C
THEN RIGHT OUTSIDE OF BEARDINGS THEY MADE THIER FATAL
C
STRIKE HE LEFT THE ROAD AT 90 THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO SAY
G C
THE DEVIL GOT THE MOONSHINE AND THE MOUNTIAN BOY THAT DAY (**Chorus**)

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