

Three Wooden Crosses by Randy Travis

[Intro]

C C/B Am Am7/G

[Verse 1]

C C/B Am Am7/G
A farmer and a teacher, a hooker and a preacher
F C G
ridin' on a midnight bus bound for Mexico
C C/B Am Am7/G
One was headed for vacation, one for higher education
F G C
and two of them were searchin' for lost souls

[Pre-chorus 1]

Dm G
That driver never ever saw the stop sign
Dm G Gsus4
and eighteen-wheelers can't stop on a dime.

[Chorus]

C C/B
There are three wooden crosses,
Am Am7/G
on the right side of the highway
F C G
Why there's not four of them, Heaven only knows
C C/B
I guess it's, not what you take
Am Am7/G
when you leave this world behind you
F G C
It's what you leave behind you when you go

[Verse 2]

C C/B Am Am7/G
That farmer left a harvest, a home and eighty acres
F
the faith and love for growin' things
C G
in his young sons heart
C C/B
And that teacher left her wisdom
Am Am7/G
in the minds of lots of children

F G C
Did her best to give'em all a better start

[Pre-chorus]

Dm
And that preacher whispered,
G
"Can't you see that promised land?"
Dm
as he laid his blood-stained bible
G Gsus4
in that hookers hand

[Chorus]

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[Bridge]

Am G F
That's the story that our preacher told last Sunday,
C
as he held that blood-stained bible up
G Gsus4
for all of us to see
Am Am7/G
He said, bless the farmer, and the teacher,
F
and that preacher
F Dm G Gsus4
Who gave this Bible to my Momma, Who read it to me

[Chorus]

C C/B
There are three wooden crosses
Am Am7/G
on the right side of the highway

F C G
why there's not four of them, now I guess we know

C C/B
It's not what you take,

Am Am7/G
when you leave this world behind you,

F G C
It's what you leave behind you when you go

[Outro]

C C/B
There are three wooden crosses

Am Am7/G C
on the right side of the highway