

The Ride by David Allan Coe

capo 3

[Intro]

G D A G D A

[Verse]

A C  
I was thumbin from Montgomery  
C D  
I had my guitar on my back  
D A  
When a stranger stopped beside me in an antique Cadillac  
A  
He was dressed like 1950  
C  
Half-drunk and hollow-eyed  
D A  
He said "It's a long walk to Nashville, would you like a ride, son?"

A  
Well I sat down in the front seat  
C  
And he turned on the radio  
D A  
And them sad old songs comin outta them speakers was solid country gold  
A C  
Then I noticed the stranger was ghost-white pale when he asked me for a  
light  
D A  
And I knew there was somethin strange about this ride

[Chorus]

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He said "Drifter, can you make folks cry when you play and sing?"  
A  
"Have you paid your dues? Can you moan the blues?"  
E  
"Can you bend them guitar strings?"  
G D A  
He said "Boy, can you make folks feel what you feel inside?"  
G D A  
"Cause if you're big star bound, let me warn ya it's a long hard ride"

[Break]

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[Verse]

A  
Then he cried just south of Nashville  
C  
And he turned that car around  
D  
He said "This is where you get off, boy, cause I'm goin' back to Alabam'  
A C  
As I stepped out of that Cadillac  
C  
I said "Mister, many thanks."  
D  
He said "You don't have to call me mister, mister"  
A  
"The whole world called me Hank"

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