The Ride

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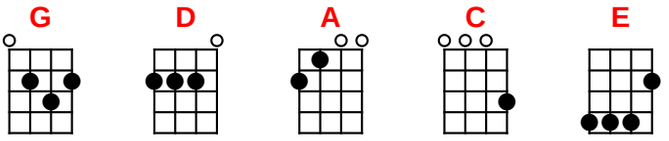

(Intro)
[G] [D] [A] [G] [D] [A]

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

(Break)
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(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"

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(Outro)
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