

# I Walk the Line

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I'm back on board that '49 Ford in 1956  
Long before the sun came up way out in the sticks  
The headlight showed a two rut roadway, back up in the pines  
First time I heard Johnny Cash sing I walk the line I got my thrill behind the wheel upon my daddys lap  
Grandpa rode co-pilot with a flashlight and a map  
Cane pole out the window it was in the summertime  
First time I heard Johnny Cash sing I walk the line I keep a close watch on this heart of mine  
I keep my eyes wide open all the time  
I keep the ends out for the tie that binds  
Because you're mine, I walk the line I never will forget that day, I know the time and place  
Sounded like the whole thing came right down from outer space  
I still can see those headlights and that dashboard in my mind  
The first time I heard Johnny Cash sing I walk the line I find it very, very easy to be true  
I find myself alone when each day's through  
Yes, I'll admit that I'm a fool for you  
Because you're mine, I walk the line All these long years later it's still music to my ears  
I swear it sounds as good right now as anything I hear  
I've seen the Mona Lisa, I've heard Shakespeare read real fine  
Just like hearing Johnny Cash sing I walk the line As sure as night is dark and day is light  
I keep you on my mind both day and night  
And happiness I've know proves that it's right  
Because you're mine, I walk the line Because you're mine, I walk the line

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