Measure Of A Man

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When I was fifteen, I left home young
Tore up the tracks and then some
Me and my dad didn't see eye to eye
I never took to him, he never took the time
Bullet proof, more than tough, smarter than he ever wasWell, I burned those wheels down the highway
And I learned what I learned the hard way
Do the best you can do, love many, trust few
Work hard for the money in your hands
That's the measure of a man, yeah, the measure of a manAnger burns, love cools it down
Pretty young woman turned my head around
The world through her eyes looked so different
She lives on faith, she looks for forgiveness
Fool proof, it ain't easy, I need her, she needs meShe stole my heart on this highway
She taught me to love through the hard days
Yeah, she's cool when I'm not, she's steady as a rock
She's as solid as the ring on my hand
That's the measure of a man, yeah, the measure of a manLast night she handed me a son of my own
It killed me to do it, but I picked up the phoneHey dad, I burned ten years down this highway
And I learned what I learned the hard way
Truth is I need you, we'll cry if we need to
And I'll swallow my pride if you can
That's the measure of a man, oh yeah, the measure of a man

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