

# A Country Song

Steve Earle

A country song left the farm  
As the young man marched to war  
Became a sound heard clear around the world  
From a lonely soldier's guitar  
Who had never been so far before  
For mom and dad and a special little girl  
And cutting through the quiet like a whistle in the night  
A train of memories and even city boys could ride

Chorus:

Mountain high, valley low  
Proud and strong, a country song  
Meanwhile cross the water  
The mothers and the daughters  
Were working in the defense factories  
All up and down the line  
The machines and women whined  
A country song as blue as the sea  
That stretched so far between  
Like the prayers and the dreams  
Of the men who were fighting to keep their country free  
Chorus

Though it seemed to take forever  
They were finally back together  
And the young men took a restless look around  
'cause it seemed the world unfolded  
And the land just couldn't hold 'em  
So they headed for the cities and the towns  
They could feel the homefires glow  
As they gathered around the radio  
To hear the grand old opry as the weekend rolled around

Chorus

There's a kid out on the highway  
Who says he's got some dues to pay  
So he set out with a guitar and a dream  
He don't look much like a cowboy  
But he swears he's gonna make some noise  
Change a tune or two in tennessee  
Though his hands had never worked the land

His granddad was a railroad man  
He sang him jimmie rodgers songs as he sat upon his knee  
Chorus x 2

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