Hitchhiker

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If you're drivin' down the road and you come across an old man Holdin' out his thumb in the wind His clothes are old and dirty that doesn't matter It's his eyes that tell you where he's been If you're not afraid to take your chances on a stranger He might have some company to lend Pull off to the side, let that old man have a ride He can tell you all the crazy things he's seen I'm an old hitchhiker, the highway is the only home I know Where you're headed I don't mind I ain't been there in some time And it's just exactly where I want to go I can tell you how I started in the circus as a barker Drawin' people in from far and wide They never did regret the dollar that it cost 'em We always left 'em feelin' good inside We were headed for Montana when we hired us a dancer Her beauty it was more than I can say Then one summer night she set my soul on fire Lord, I wish that she was here with me today I'm an old hitchhiker, I wonder what's a waitin' 'round the bend I don't know what I might see and I don't need no guarantee Just a ride from here to there and back again I was only seventeen when I took the open highway Took it for my teacher and a friend I've been thirty years a-thumbin', some might call it bummin' It's better than just cryin' in the wind If you're drivin' down the road and you come across an old man Holdin' out his thumb in the rain You can pull off to the side, let the poor boy have a ride He can tell you all the crazy things he's seen I'm an old hitchhiker lookin' to the far side of the hill Some people say I'll settle down Build a home in some small town But within my heart I know I never will I'm an old hitchhiker, yeah

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