

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 was Well, 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 man Anger 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 me She 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 man Last night she handed me a son of my own

It killed me to do it, but I picked up the phone Hey 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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