

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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