

# Johnny Cash - Highway Patrolman

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My name is Joe Roberts I work for the state  
 I'm a sergeant out of Perrineville barracks number eight  
 I always done an honest job as honest as I could  
 I got a brother named Frankie and Frankie ain't no good  
 Now ever since we was young kids it's been the same come down  
 I get a call on the shortwave Frankie's in trouble downtown  
 Well if it was any other man, I'd put him straight away  
 But when it's your brother sometimes you look the other way  
 Yeah me and Frankie laughin' and drinkin'  
 Nothin' feels better than blood on blood  
 Takin' turns dancin' with Maria as the band  
 Played "Night of the Johnstown Flood"  
 I catch him when he's strayin' like any brother would  
 Man turns his back on his family well he just ain't no good

Well Frankie went in the army back in 1965  
 I got a farm deferment, settled down, took Maria for my wife  
 But them wheat prices kept on droppin'  
 till it was like we were gettin' robbed  
 Frankie came home in '68, and me, I took this job  
 Yeah we're laughin' and drinkin'  
 Nothin' feels better than blood on blood  
 Takin' turns dancin' with Maria  
 as the band Played "Night of the Johnstown Flood"  
 I catch him when he's strayin'  
 teach him how to walk that line  
 Man turns his back on his family he ain't no friend of mine

Well the night was like any other, I got a call `bout quarter  
 to nine  
 There was trouble in a roadhouse out on the Michigan line  
 There was a kid lyin' on the floor lookin' bad bleedin' hard  
 from his head  
 There was a girl cry'n' at a table and it was Frank, they said  
 Well I went out and I jumped in my car and I hit the lights  
 Well I musta done one hundred and ten through Michigan county  
 that night  
 It was out at the crossroads, down `round Willow bank  
 Seen a Buick with Ohio plates. Behind the wheel was Frank  
 Well I chased him through them county roads  
 Till a sign said "Canadian border five miles from here"  
 I pulled over the side of the highway and watched his tail-  
 lights disappear

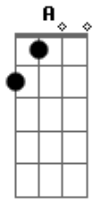
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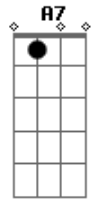
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