

Thunder Road - Robert Mitchum (1958)

[Verse 1]

Cm

Let me tell the story I can tell it all

G7

Cm

About the mountain boy who ran illegal alcohol

His daddy made the whiskey, his son he drove the load

G7

Cm

When his engine roared they called the highway thunder road

C

Sometimes into Ashville sometimes Memphis town

G7

C

The revenuers chased him but they couldn't run him down

Each time they thought they had him his engine would
explode

G7

C

He'd go by like they were standing still on thunder road

[Chorus]

F

C

(And there was thunder, thunder over thunder road)

G7

Cm

Thunder was his engine and white lightning was his load

Fm

Cm

(And there was moonshine, moonshine quench the devil's
thirst)

G7

Cm

The law they swore they'd get him but the devil got him
first

[Verse 2]

On the first of April nineteen fifty-four

G7

Cm

A federal man sent word he'd better make his run no more

He said two hundred agents were covering the state

G7

Cm

Whichever road he tried to take they'd get him sure as fate

C

Son his daddy told him make this run your last

G7

C

Your tank is filled with hundred-proof you're all tuned up
and gassed

Now don't take any chances if you can't get through

G7

C

I'd rather have you back again than all that mountain dew

[Chorus]

F

C

(And there was thunder, thunder over thunder road)

G7

Cm

Thunder was his engine and white lightning was his load

Fm

Cm

(And there was moonshine, moonshine quench the devil's
thirst)

G7

Cm

The law they swore they'd get him but the devil got him
first

[Verse 3]

Cm

Roaring out of Harlan revving up his mill

G7

Cm

He shot the gap at Cumberland and screamed by Maynardville

With g-men on his taillights roadblocks up ahead

G7

Cm

The mountain boy took roads that even angels feared to tread

C

Blazing right through Knoxville out on Kingston pike

G7

C

Then right outside of Bearden there they made the fatal strike

He left the road at ninety that's all there is to say

G7

C

The devil got the moonshine and the mountain boy that day

[Chorus]

F

C

(And there was thunder, thunder over thunder road)

G7

Cm

Thunder was his engine and white lightning was his load

Fm

Cm

(And there was moonshine, moonshine quench the devil's thirst)

G7

Cm

The law they swore they'd get him but the devil got him first

G7

Cm

The law they never got him cause the devil got him first.

(Thunder, thunder, thunder road)