

## Carl Perkins' Cadillac

### Drive-By Truckers

Life ain't nothing but a blending up of all the ups and downs  
Dammit Elvis, don't you know  
You made your Mama so proud  
Before you ever made that record, before there ever was a Sun  
Before you ever lost that Cadillac that Carl Perkins won

Mr. Phillips found old Johnny Cash and he was high  
High before he ever took those pills and he's still too proud t  
o die  
Mr. Phillips never said anything behind nobody's back  
Like "Dammit Elvis, don't he know, he ain't no Johnny Cash"

If Mr. Phillips was the only man that Jerry Lee still would cal  
l sir  
Then I guess Mr. Phillips did all of Y'all about as good as you  
deserve  
He did just what he said he was gonna do and the money came in  
sacks  
New contracts and Carl Perkins' Cadillac

I got friends in Nashville, or at least they're folks I know  
Nashville is where you go to see if what they said is so  
Carl drove his brand new Cadillac to Nashville and he went down  
town  
This time they promised him a Grammy  
He turned his Cadillac around

Mr. Phillips never blew enough hot air to need a little gold pl  
ated paperweight  
He promised him a Cadillac and put the wind in Carl's face  
He did just what he said he was gonna do and the money came in  
sacks  
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Dammit Elvis, I swear son I think it's time you came around  
Making money you can't spend ain't what being dead's about  
You gave me all but one good reason not to do all the things yo  
u did  
Now Cadillacs are fiberglass, if you were me you'd call it quit  
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