

## Rural Route

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Little girl disappeared and gone  
From the rural route  
Seven days missing something's wrong  
On the rural route  
Amber alert all over the nation  
From the rural route  
Two lane highway full of cops  
On the rural route  
Rural route

Police dogs howl from wire cages  
On the rural route  
Last seen leavin' a trailer  
On the rural route  
Just walkin' home alone  
On the rural route  
Newspaper prints her fifth grade picture  
From the rural route  
Rural route

Air stinks of crystal meth  
On the rural route  
Some one predicts a young girl's death  
On the rural route  
Father refuses to answer any questions  
From the rural route  
The man he runs around with comes up missing  
Off the rural route  
Rural route

Twenty miles away by a lake  
On the rural route  
Girl's body's found, it's been raped  
By the rural route  
Twenty-eight year old friend of the father  
Arrested on the rural route  
Father traded his daughter for favors  
On the rural route  
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Here's my prayer loud and clear  
From the rural route  
Forgive us Lord, get us out of here  
Off this rural route  
Oh merciful Father, show us the will  
Here on the rural route  
Give us the mercy for the drug-addicted  
And the mentally ill  
On the rural route