

## Papa Was A Good Man

Johnny Cash

It rained all the way to Cincinnati  
With our mattress on top of the car  
Us kids were eatin' crackers and baloney  
And papa kept on driving never stopped once at a bar  
Then mama started talking about Jesus  
And how our lives could be from now on  
While papa bought a used tire in Columbus  
Mama rocked the baby till all her tears were gone

She said your papa is a good man and don't you kids forget it  
The whiskey's tryin' to ruin him but I know the Lord won't let  
it  
Then we sang Amazing Grace and Bringing In The Sheaves  
Rock of ages rock of ages cleft for me

I remember when papa finally gave up drinking  
I think mama was the only one on earth that really thought he c  
ould  
I remember all the times we'd packed everything we owned  
Into some old car and started out for some new town  
And through it all mama's faith was the one thing  
That was strong enough to finally do the some good

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