

## Melancholy Moon (Not)

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Whistles don't get lonesome, I guess no one told Hank  
You never know that might have been the reason why he drank  
What was Willie smokin' when he wrote "Hello Walls"  
Where'd Bob find that cowtown? Did it really have big balls?  
There's no regular combination on that Wabash Cannonball  
And I've never known a telephone to ring right off the wall  
Patsy didn't fall to pieces on a midnight walk alone  
And "T" don't stand for Texas since Rose left San Antone  
Chorus

Highways don't get lonesome, you're not my sunshine  
Memories don't linger in the hallways of my mind  
I don't believe that Porter ever saw that "Rubber Room"  
And I've neer seen a melancholy moon  
Elvis hated hound dogs, so is it false or true  
No one ever really saw him wearin' blue suede shoes  
Was anybody watchin' when Johnny walked the line  
And I wonder if it really was the last thing on his mind  
If you're minin' coal you'll need more tonnage than sixteen  
I can't recall a time when I've been faded as my jeans  
You'd have to be a fossil to have a heart of stone  
And after "Six Days On The Road", his baby wasn't home  
Chorus  
"Blue Moon Of Kentucky" is more like yellow  
And I've never seen a melancholy moon