

# The Highway

Willie Nelson

I drove in on the four lane  
Where the two lane used to be  
The highway hummed a near forgotten tune  
From 1963  
The year I turned 18 and set my sights  
And heard the highway call  
Now the highway's come full circle  
To a place I scarce recall

There's a girl I still remember  
Whose name I can't recall  
I gave her what I had, but then  
She tried to take it all  
I stayed long enough to love her  
And then left her on the run  
Like a flower left to wither  
In that deep East Texas sun

There's a place out on the highway  
Where I go to spend my time  
Where the bartenders all know me  
And the players are friends of mine  
And we light up on the brakes  
And talk of things that we all know  
But I've heard it all before  
And I'll hear it all again  
And I've heard it said  
The highway never ends

So what about old handsome Johnny  
And the class of '64?  
Did the women all make promises  
When they shipped him off to war?  
Did his mama get the medal  
And did his country ever win?  
Well, let's drink a round to Johnny  
'Cuz he died for all our sins.

They're still down there in the factories  
You can see 'em in the mills  
They've sweated there for years, Lord  
I guess they always will.  
And you know they won't be leaving  
And I can't watch 'em die that way  
So in my rear view mirror  
I'll just watch them slip away

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