

# PHOTO FINISH

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verse



At sev-en this morn-ing I got on the phone and said to hold --



- my bronc as long as you can. My car broke down in



Bil-ling, and they just got it put to-geth-er. I'll be



pho-to fin-ish-in' in-to old Chey-enne. (to 2nd verse) Well, I



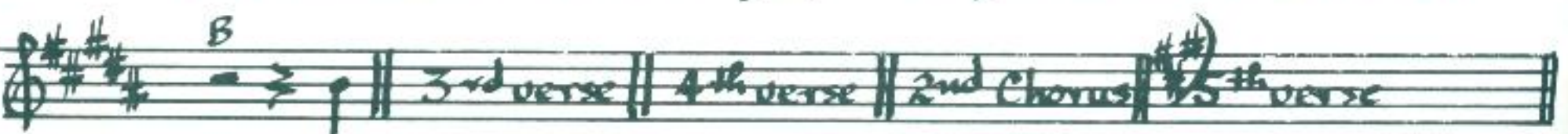
don't know if I'm gon-na make it - it's nine fif-teen. I'll be



luck-y if I ev-er get there. By God, now what's that I hear?



Is it a si-rene? Sure e-nough, he got me on - his ra-dar.



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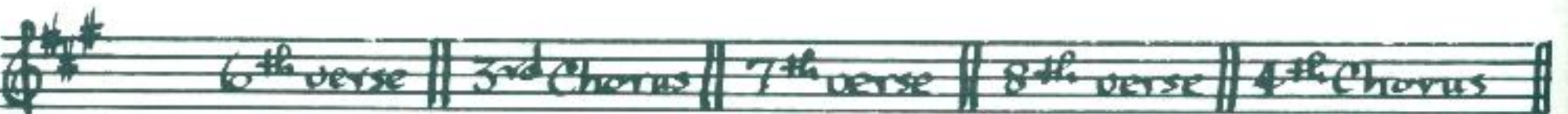
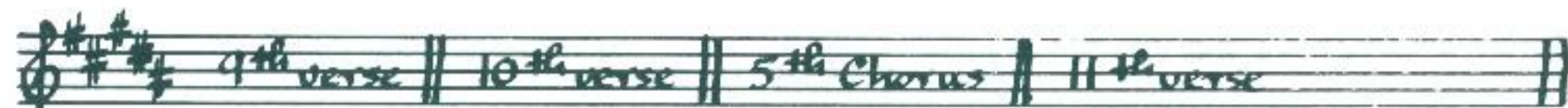


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2nd verse: Well, here I am in Sheridan, and it's nine o'clock in the morning  
And time's a goin' fast  
I just pulled her over, had some coffee and a donut  
And I bought the car a brand new tank of gas.

— 1st Chorus —

3rd verse: He pulled up behind me and turned on those flashin' lights  
A sign that I knew meant pull her over  
So I stomped on my brakes, and as I skidded to a halt  
And wiped out three reflector posts along the shoulder —

4th verse: He got out of his car and was a walkin' real slow  
So I jumped out and met him half way  
He jerked out his gun and said, "Mister, are you crazy?  
I ain't never seen nobody drive that way."

2nd Chorus: I told him take it easy, and he could put up that cannon  
The way he's shakin' it just might go off  
He put up the gun as I explained my situation  
He listened to my story, then he coughed.

5th verse: He wrote me out a ticket that seemed to take forever  
I took it, and as I headed for my car  
That cop, he hollered out to me and said, "Hey cowboy,  
You better slow down 'cause you can't outrun this radar.

6th verse: As I rolled on down the road, I was a cursin' and a swearin'  
About the ticket that I had just acquired  
I wondered if I ought to pay it  
Or throw it out the window —  
Lit a match and set the damn thing afire.

3<sup>rd</sup> Chorus: So I gunned it once again and was a travellin' down the road  
With the gas pedal mashed to the floor

When I came around a curve, and right there in the highway  
There's more damned sheep than I've ever seen before.

7<sup>th</sup> verse: I'm goin' too fast to ever stop, so I just close my eyes  
As the car roars on through the herd

When I opened up my eyes again there's a sheep on the fender  
And that herder's sayin' some mighty awful words.

8<sup>th</sup> verse: The sweat's a drippin' off my hands

As I barrel through old Wheatland

I'm a nervous wreck, and I must be a sight

The flies inside this old car are buzzin' all around me

Guess my twenty-four hour deodorant quit last night.

4<sup>th</sup> Chorus: Sixty - fifty - forty - thirty - twenty miles more

The rodeo starts in another eighteen minutes

I pull in through the main gate, and I hear the anthem playin'  
I can't believe it - thank God I finally made it.

9<sup>th</sup> verse: There's only one more obstacle that's standin' in my way

It's a nitwit with a weekend badge

He's standin' by the gate, and as I slide her to a halt

He says, "Where in the hell you goin' so doggone fast?"

10<sup>th</sup> verse: I tell him I'm entered and I ain't got time to talk

My horse is in the chute and I'm late

He says I need to get a pass from the secretary

My eyes get red, my heart fills up with hate.

5<sup>th</sup> Chorus: I yell, "You dirty so and so, you better let me through"

He asked if I'd repeat that once again

So I whacked him in the mouth, and then I left him lyin' there

On his back, a kickin' in the sand.

11<sup>th</sup> verse: I got there just in time to see my brone come runnin' out

His head and tail was held way up high

I swear he looked right straight at me

And grinned and gave a horse laugh

And me, I just stood there and cried.

12<sup>th</sup> verse: I turned around feelin' helpless and purely dumbfounded

I looked, and what did I see

Three highway patrolmen and a gateman with a fat lip

And they were all a lookin' right at me.

6<sup>th</sup> Chorus: Sittin' in this cell, now I've done a lot of thinkin'

About that wild run I made a month ago

I'm sorry that I'm in this rotten situation

(If I could do it again - I wouldn't of drove so slow. :D)