

## Alan Jackson "The Talkin' Song Repair Blues"

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The mechanic raised up from under my hood  
He shook his head and said, "This ain't good  
Your timin' belt's done shrunk one size too small"

"Those spark plug wires are a little too long  
And your main prodspander's nearly gone  
Your injector ports are stripped and that ain't all"

"The torque converter's runnin' low on torque  
And that water pump's nearly down a quart  
We caught it all in time, so you're in luck"

He said, "I've got the time and I've got the parts  
Just give me the word and I'm ready to start  
I think we can bring her in for eight hundred bucks"

But don't be downhearted  
I can fix it for you, sonny  
It won't take too long  
It'll just take money

Then he said, "Aren't you that songwriter guy?"  
And I said, "Yes, I am," he said, "So am I"  
He sat down and played me a song by the grease rack

When he finished singin', he gave me a smile  
And I closed my eyes and pondered awhile  
And he said, "What do you think? Now don't hold  
nothin' back"

Well, I gave him my most sorrowful look  
And I said, "This song's got a broken hook  
And I can order you a new one from Nashville but it  
won't be cheap"

And I know you've been using a cut-rate thesaurus  
'Cause your adverbs have backed up into your chorus  
Now your verse is runnin' on verbs that are way too  
weak

But don't be downhearted  
I can fix it for you, sonny

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And I said, "Hold on friend now I'm not through  
I hate to be the one to give you this news  
But your whole melodic structure's done worked itself  
loose"

"It's got so many dotted eighth notes in it  
I'd keep her under fifty beats per minute  
I mean, that's just me talkin', it's really up to you"

You've got a bad safety problem with  
That dominant chord with the augmented fifth  
Just see how dangerously high it raises you up

So just go on over and work on my car  
I'll sit here by the fan and chances are  
I can straighten this thing out for eig ehh, nine hundred  
bucks

But don't be downhearted  
I can fix it for you, sonny  
It won't take too long

You guessed it  
It may be a hit  
I like it

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