

Drive-by Truckers "Carl Perkins' Cadillac"

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Life ain't nothing but a blandin' up of all the ups and
downs
Dammit Elvis, don't you know
He makes mama so proud
Before you ever made that record, before there ever
was a sun
Before you ever lost that Cadillac that Carl Perkins won

Mr. Phillips found old Johnny Cash and he was high
High before he ever took those pills and he's still too
proud to die
Mr. Phillips never said anything behind nobody's back
Like, "Dammit Elvis, don't he know, he ain't no Johnny
Cash"

Mr. Phillips was the only man Jerry Lee still would call sir
Then I guess Mr. Phillips did all of y'all about as good
as you deserve
He did just what he said he's gonna do and the money
came in sacks
New contracts and Carl Perkins' Cadillac

I got friends in Nashville, or at least they're folks I know
Nashville is where you go to see if what they said is so
Carl drove his brand new Cadillac to Nashville and he
went downtown
This time they promised him a Grammy, he turned his
Cadillac around

'Cause Mr. Phillips never blew enough hot air
To need a little gold plated paperweight
He promised him a Cadillac and put the wind in Carl's
face
He did just what he said he's gonna do and the money
came in sacks
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Dammit Elvis, I swear son I think it's time you came
around
Making money you can't spend ain't what being dad's
about
You gave me all but one good reason not to do all other

things you did
Now Cadillacs are fiberglass, if you were me you'd call
it quits

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