

# **Jerry Jeff Walker**

## **"Stoney"**

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I first ran into Stoney  
It was a bar downtown  
Was Richmond, Virginia  
We were bumming around

Suitcase to suitcase  
We started him talking  
Finding out about the things we've shared  
In the miles we've been

He had a gray pillowcase  
Full of books by Durrell  
And he had this old concertina  
All beat up and she played like hell

Until you got him started  
Singing those gospel songs,  
Well, he drank all night for nothing  
He told his stories till dawn

And he said, "Come on, get your bag, boy  
Sun's up now and it's time to roll  
Hell, you know there ain't no better time  
Than early in the morning to be out walking down that  
road

Just feeling another day beginning  
While some fools just rushing on by  
We'll be like some Mr. Independence  
We're taking our own sweet time

We walked on out that highway  
Under a clear blue sky  
I's listening to the tales he told  
Drinking warm red wine

'Bout the night he rolled seven  
'Bout some girl he'd done wrong  
'Bout everything he could think of  
While we walked along

Yeah, ol' Stoney had a magic

Made him hard to forget  
Like the night we flew down the highway  
(His old pickup, it nearly wrecked)

Was a crazy woman driving  
All drunked up and carrying on  
Till Stoney finally calmed her  
Singing those Gospel songs

Well, we split the road at Norwood  
And he just shook my hand  
He said, "I'll see you some place, friend  
But you know he never has"

But we were that free then  
Just walking down the road  
Never really caring  
Where that highway goes

Yeah, Stoney was a liar  
(A bullshitter)  
Ain't no doubt about it  
It was just the way he told things  
And you never want to doubt him

'Cause he kept you going  
When the road got rough  
And brought you through the lean times  
By making it up

Hey, did I ever tell you  
The time I married my cousin up in Las Vegas?  
Yeah, Stoney  
Tell it again, will you?

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