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Johnny Burnette ''Highway Patrolman''

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My name is Joe Roberts I work for the State I'm a sergeant out on Perenville barracks No 8 I've always done an honest job honest as I could Got a brother named Frankie Frankie ain't no good Ever since we were young kids it's been the same come down I'd get a call on a short way Frankie's in trouble downtown But if it was any other man I'd put him straight away But sometimes when it's your brother you look the other way Yeah me and Frankie laughin' and drinkin' nothin' feels better than blood on blood Takin' turns dancin' with Maria While the band played The Night Of The Johnstown Flood I catch him when he's strayin' like any brother should Man turns his back on his family he ain't no good Well Frankie went into the army back in 1965 I got a farm deferment settled down took Maria for my wife But them wheat prices kept on droppin' till it was like we's gettin' robbed Frankie came home in '68 and me I took this job Yeah me and Frankie laughin' and drinkin' nothin' feels better than blood on blood Takin' turns dancin' with Maria While the band played The Night Of The Johnstown Flood I catch him when he's strayin' teach him how to walk that line Man turns his back on his family ain't no friend of mine The night was like any other I got a call bout the quarter

of nine

There was trouble at a roadhouse out on the Michigan line

There was a kid on the floor lookin' bad bleedin' hard from his head

There was a girl cryin' at a table it was Frankie she said

I ran out and I jumped in my car then I hit the lights I must have done about a hundred and ten to Michigan County that night It was down by the crossroads out bout willow bank Seen the buick with Ohio plates behind the wheel was Frank

Well I chased him through them county roads Till the sign said Canadian border five miles from here Pulled over to the south out the highway watched his taillights disappeared

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