

Johnny Cash "Drive On (Alternate)"

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I got a friend named Whiskey Sam
He was my boonierat buddy for a year in Nam
He said, I think my country got a little off track
It took 'em twenty-five years to welcome me back

But, it's better than not coming back at all
Many a good man I saw fall
And even now, every time I dream
I hear the men and the monkeys in the jungle scream

Drive on, it don't mean nothin'
My children love me and they understand
And I got a woman who knows her man
Drive on, it don't mean nothin', it don't mean nothin',
drive on

I remember one night, Tex and me
Walked right up on 2 V.C.
Well we had our 16's on rock and roll
And, we separated them from their souls

I was crazy and I was wild
And I have seen the tiger smile
I spit in a bamboo viper's face
And I'd be dead but by God's grace

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Well, a mortar fell 20 feet away
And I carry shrapnel, to this day
I came home but Tex did not
And I can't talk about the hit he got

But I got a little limp now when I walk
And I got a little tremolo when I talk
But, I finally found out who I am
I'm a walkin' talkin' miracle from Vietnam

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