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Stan Rogers "The Field Behind The Plow"

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Watch the field behind the plow turn to straight, dark rows

Feel the trickle in your clothes, blow the dust cake from your nose

Hear the tractor's steady roar, Oh you can't stop now There's a quarter section more or less to go

And it figures that the rain keeps its own sweet time You can watch it come for miles, but you guess you've got a while

So ease the throttle out a hair, every rod's a gain And there's victory in every quarter mile

Poor old Kuzyk down the road The heartache, hail and hoppers brought him down He gave it up and went to town

And Emmett Pierce the other day Took a heart attack and died at forty two You could see it coming on 'cause he worked as hard as you

In an hour, maybe more, you'll be wet clear through The air is cooler now, pull you hat brim further down And watch the field behind the plow turn to straight dark rows

Put another season's promise in the ground

And if the harvest's any good The money just might cover all the loans You've mortgaged all you own

Buy the kids a winter coat Take the wife back east for Christmas if you can All summer she hangs on when you're so tied to the land

For the good times come and go, but at least there's rain

So this won't be barren ground when September rolls around

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