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Statler Brothers "We Got Paid By Cash"

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It started March of sixty-four Many years ago We were hired by Johnny Cash To open up his show

Four boys, a worn out Cadillac With a road map on the dash For the next eight and one half years We got paid by Cash

He took us down to Nashville To Columbia studio Not knowing where we came from They told us where to go

But Johnny said, "I like 'em Don't you give them no trash" You see, we were Johnny's little boys And we got paid by Cash

We were there when June became Johnny's lovin' bride And we sang to him that mornin' Our buddy Luther died

And we were there when the son was born That filled them both with pride And we were there when John remembered God was on his side

We watched him on the concert stage We watched him write his songs And saw the things we had to do And the things that could go wrong

And if we had to start again We'd do it in a flash 'Cause we learned more than we earned When we got paid by Cash

Then came the time when our career Demanded that we go And through some tears we all shook hands That last and final show

All those years we never had A contract or a clash Whatever we may be today We owe it all to Cash

We were there when June became Johnny's lovin' bride, And we sang to him that mornin' Our buddy Luther died

And we were there when the son was born That filled them both with pride And we were there when John remembered God was on his side

Now John will tell you there were years When times were good and bad But we can tell you they were some Of the best we ever had

Carl Perkins and the Carters And the Tennessee Three We were one big happy family And would have done it all for free

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