

## Nanci Griffith "Montana Backroads"

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(By Bruce Carlson)

In an old pickup truck, with his hat pulled down  
He drives them old Montana backroads  
Remembering half-forgotten times, and wondering  
where it's gone  
And if he can still carry the load

Now, the summer sun is setting, and the moon is on  
the rise  
As he pulls that old pickup into town  
And he parks beside the place where the feed store  
used to be  
And he heads for an old familiar sound

Those honky-tonk bands still play old-time songs  
Remembering how things used to be  
Sitting at the bar with his head down in his hands  
So alone with his memories  
Lord, he's so alone with his memories

He remembers back in '33, or was it '34  
The year that he won the rodeo  
The buckle that they gave him, well, he still wears  
today  
For that Brahma bull that he rode

But his riding days are over now, his back is getting  
weak  
And his eyesight, it just ain't as good  
As the days he'd spot a deer at a hundred yards or  
more  
And bring back a month's supply of food

Those honky-tonk bands still play old-time songs  
Remembering how things used to be  
Sitting at the bar with his head down in his hands  
So alone with his memories  
Lord, he's so alone with his memories

Now the bar is getting set to close, they say he's got to  
leave

But it feels like, Lord, he just arrived  
So he downs his last shot as he's heading for the door  
Getting ready for that long and lonely drive

In an old pickup truck, with his hat pulled down  
He drives them old Montana backroads  
Remembering half-forgotten times, and wondering  
where it's gone  
And if he can still carry the load

Those honky-tonk bands still play old-time songs  
Remembering how things used to be  
And he tumbles through the door, and he falls down on  
his bed  
Still alone with his memories  
Lord, he's still alone with his memories

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