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"Dog On A Runnin' Line"

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I got a dog - I keep him on a runnin' line.
Yeah, I got me a dog - I keep him on a runnin' line.
He goes back and forth from time to time,
Goin' to and fro between the pines.
I got a dog - I keep him on a runnin' line.
Well you can pet him, if you want, but you don't.
You see he's not the kind of dog that likes other folks.
He spends his days at the end of his rope.
It's kind of a shame, but there ain't no hope.
I got a dog, I keep him on a runnin' line.

[Chorus] Lord, I tried. Lord knows I tried.
I found him busted and broken on the highway side.
He'd been beaten, and starved half to death.
So I took him home and I put him in bed. I didn't know
his name, so I call him "Red". He keeps me
company, and I keep him fed.

I'd build him a fence, but I ain't got the cash.
It's all been spent. Ha - don't ask!
I'd let him run loose, but I done got sued.
He bit the neighbors kid, at the barbecue.
I did what I could, but what can you do?
When you've rescued a dog, from another man's
boot.
I got a dog, I keep him on a runnin' line.

[Bridge]

[Chorus]

Once in a blue moon, I bring a woman home to my bed.
He turns tail, and hides out under the shed.
But that's my good ol' dog, named Red - he's a
friend of mine. I got a dog - I keep him on a runnin'
line.

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