

## **The 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

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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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