

## Tommy Shane Steiner "The Mind of John J. Blanchard"

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(Chris Wallin/Anthony Smith)

He had a stroke in '95  
They thought it best that he reside  
In a nursing home  
His family vowed they'd never leave him  
Last time they came to see him  
Was three years ago

He spent his whole life providin'  
Now he was down to relyin'  
On medicare  
The nurses took a likin' to him  
They'd get his wheelchair out and push him  
On sunny days

He couldn't walk, he couldn't speak  
Seemed so far outta reach  
But in his mind as far as they know he could be

Fly fishin', workin' on that Firebird engine  
Runnin' 99 proof moonshine cross that county line  
3,2,1 and ignition, off on some space shuttle mission  
Playin' QB for the Cowboy's getting high on the crowd  
noise  
And the bright lights  
'Cause deep inside things were rockin' in the mind  
Of John J. Blanchard  
One afternoon in June  
A nurse saw his finger move  
She bout had a heart attack  
Went screamin' down the hall  
"Hey it's a miracle ya'll  
I think he's comin' back"

The doctors all rushed in  
Said do you know what year this is  
How many fingers am I holdin' and where've you been  
And he said

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