Lord, Mr. Ford

Jerry Reed

Well, if you're one of the millions who own one of them Gas drinking, piston clinking, air polluting, smoke belching Four wheeled buggies from Detroit City, then pay attention I'm about to sing your song sonWell, I'm not a man appointed judge

To bear ill-will and hold a grudge

But I think it's time I said me a few choice words

All about that demon automobile

A metal box with the polyglass wheel

The end result to the dream of Henry FordWell, I've got a car that's mine alone

That me and the finance company own

A ready made pile of manufactured grief

And if I ain't out of gas in the pouring rain

I'm a-changing a flat in a hurricane

I once spent three days lost on a cloverleaf

Well, it ain't just the smoke and the traffic jam

That makes me the bitter fool I am

But this four wheel buggy is a-dollaring me to death

For gas and oils and fluids and grease

And wires and tires and anti-freeze

And them accessories, well honey that's something elseWell, you can get a stereo tape and a color TV

Get a backseat bar and reclining seats

And just pay once a month, like you do your rent

Well, I figured it up and over a period of time

This four thousand dollar car of mine

Costs fourteen thousand dollars and ninety-nine centsWell, now Lord Mr. Ford, I just wish that you could see

What your simple horseless carriage has become

Well, it seems your contribution to man

To say the least, got a little out of hand

Well, Lord Mr. Ford, what have you done

Now the average American father and mother

Own one whole car and half another

And I bet that half a car is a trick to buy, don't you?

But the thing that amazes me I guess

Is the way we measure a man's success

By the kind of an automobile he can afford to buyWell now, red light, green light, traffic cop

Right turn, no turn, must turn, stop

Get out the credit card honey, we're out of gas

Well, now all the car's placed end to end

Would reach to the moon and back again

And there'd probably be some fool pull out to passWell now, how I yearn for the good old days

Without that carbon monoxide haze
A-hanging over the roar of the interstate
Well, if the Lord that made the moon and stars
Would have meant for me and you to have cars
He'd have seen that we was all born with a parking spaceLord Mr. Ford, I just wish that you could see

What your simple horseless carriage has become
Well, it seems your contribution to man
To say the least, got a little out of hand
Well, Lord Mr. Ford, what have you doneCome away with me Lucille
In my smoking, choking automobile

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