

Highway Patrolman
Bruce Springsteen

D G D
My name is Joe Roberts I work for the state

A
I m a sergeant out of Perrineville barracks number 8

D G D
I always done an honest job as honest as I could

A D
I got a brother named Frankie and Frankie ain t no good

G D
Now ever since we was young kids it s been the same come down

A
I get a call on the shortwave Frankie s in trouble downtown

D G D
Well if it was any other man, I d put him straight away

A D
But when it s your brother sometimes you look the other way

G D
Yeah me and Frankie laughin and drinkin

G D
Nothin feels better than blood on blood

G D
Takin turns dancin with Maria as the band

A
Played Night of the Johnstown Flood

D G D
I catch him when he s strayin like any brother would

A D
Man turns his back on his family well he just ain t no good

G D
Well Frankie went in the army back in 1965

A
I got a farm deferment, settled down, took Maria for my wife

D G D
But them wheat prices kept on droppin till it was like we were gettin robbed

A D
Frankie came home in `68, and me, I took this job

G D
Yeah we re laughin and drinkin

G D
Nothin feels better than blood on blood

G D
Takin turns dancin with Maria as the band

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Played Night of the Johnstown Flood

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I catch him when he s strayin teach him how to walk that line

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Man turns his back on his family he ain t no friend of mine

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Well the night was like any other, I got a call `bout quarter to nine

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There was trouble in a roadhouse out on the Michigan line

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There was a kid lyin on the floor lookin bad bleedin hard from his head

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There was a girl cry n at a table and it was Frank, they said

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Well I went out and I jumped in my car and I hit the lights

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Well I musta done one hundred and ten through Michigan county that night

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It was out at the crossroads, down `round Willow bank

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Seen a Buick with Ohio plates behind the wheel was Frank

Well I chased him through them county roads

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Till a sign said Canadian border five miles from here

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I pulled over the side of the highway and watched his tail-lights disappear

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Me and Frankie laughin and drinkin

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