

Mean Eyed Cat
Johnny Cash

E

I gave my woman half my money at the general store

B

I said, Now buy a little groceries, and don t spend no more.

E

But she gave ten dollars for a ten cent hat

A

B

E

And bought some store bought cat food for that mean eyed cat

When I woke up this mornin and I turned my head

There wasn t a cotton pickin thing on her side of the bed

I found a little old note where her head belonged

It said, Dear John, honey, baby, I m long gone.

Chorus 1:

A

When I heard a whistle blowin, and the big wheels a-turnin

E

I was scared as I could be

E

A

I put on my overalls and I headed to town

B

E

Gonna bring her back with me

I asked the man down at the station if he d seen her there

I told him all about her pretty eyes and long, blonde hair

He spit his tobacco, said, I ll be dad blamed

I believe I did see her leavin on the east bound train.

Chorus 2:

I bought a round trip ticket on the east bound train

I was broke as I could be

But when I come back, gotta buy another ticket

Gotta bring her back with me.

Well, I got off the train somewhere in Arkansas

And I worked up the guts to call my Mother-In-Law

She said, I ll tell you where she is, if you act right.

She s workin four to twelve at Trucker s World tonight.

Chorus 3:

When I walked in she saw me, and she took off her apron

And she grabbed her goin home hat, she bought a ticket with her tips

And now we re curled up on the sofa,
Me and her and that mean eyed cat