

**Highway Forty Blues**  
**Ricky Skaggs**

Highway Forty Blues  
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c1979 PolyGram Int l Publishing & Amanda-Lin Music  
Performed by Ricky Skaggs  
Brightly (2 beat feel)

[Intro]

**E F#m**  
**B E**  
**G D A E**

[Verse 1]

**E** **F#m**  
Well these Highway Forty Blues,  
**B** **E**  
I ve walked holes in both my shoes.  
**F#m**  
Counted the days since I ve been gone,  
**B** **E**  
And I d love to see the lights of home.  
**A**  
Wasted time and money too,  
**B** **E** **B**  
Squandered youth in search of truth,  
**C#m** **F#**  
But in the end I had to lose  
**B**  
Lord above I ve paid my dues  
**E** **G D A E**  
Got them Highway Forty Blues.

[Verse 2]

**E** **F#m**  
The highway called when I was young,  
**B** **E**  
Told me lies of things to come.  
**F#m**  
Fame and fortune lies ahead,  
**B** **E**  
That s what the billboard lights had said.  
**A**  
Shattered dreams my mind is numb,  
**B** **E** **B**

My money s gone stick out my thumb.

**C#m F#**  
My eyes are filled with bitter tears,  
**B**  
Lord I ain t been home in years,  
**E G D A E**  
Got the Highway Forty Blues.

[Segue]

**E F#m**  
**B E**  
**G D A E**

[Verse 3]

**E F#m**  
You know I ve rambled all around,  
**B E**  
Like a rolling stone from town to town.  
**F#m**  
Met pretty girls, I have to say,  
**B E**  
But none of them could make me stay.  
**A**  
Well, I ve played the music halls and bars,  
**B E B**  
Had fancy clothes and big fine cars,  
**C#m F#**  
Things a country boy can t use,  
**B**  
Dixie Land I sure miss you,  
**E**  
Got the Highway Forty Blues.

[Outro]

**E F#m**  
**B E**  
**G D A**  
**G D A E**