

Highway Forty Blues

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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