

The Field Behind The Plow

Stan Rogers

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THE FIELD BEHIND THE PLOW Time: 2/2 (sync) Tenor: G Bass: C

- Stan Rogers: 1981, on: Northwest Passage

INTRO: 1, 1

1 * 5 4 1
 Watch the field behind the plow, turn to straight dark rows
 2m * 4 5
 Feel the trickle in your clothes, blow the dustcake from your nose
 1 * 5 4 1
 Hear the tractor s steady roar, oh you can t stop now
 2m 57 1 *
 There s a quarter section more or less to go

1 * 5 4 1
 And it figures that the rain keeps it s own sweet time
 2m * 4 5
 You can watch it come for miles, but you guess you ve got a while
 1 * 5 4 1
 So ease the throttle out a hair, every rod s a gain
 2m 57 1 *
 There s victory in every quarter mile

CHORUS ONE:

5 *
 Poor old Kuzyk down the road
 6m 4 1
 The heartache, hail, and hoppers brought him down
 * 2 5
 He gave it up and went to town
 * * *
 ... And Emmet Pierce, the other day
 6m 4 1
 Took a heart attack and died at forty-two
 * 2 5 * 1 * 6m *
 You could see it coming on, cause he worked as hard as you

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NOTES:

- Instrumental break after first chorus
- Ending for last chorus: 2m-57-1 or 1-4-57-1

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1 * 5 4 1
In an hour, maybe more, you ll be wet clear through
2m * 4 5
The air is cooler now, pull your hat brim further down
1 * 5 4 1
And watch the field behind the plow turn to straight dark rows
2m 57 1 *
Put a-nother season s promise in the ground

CHORUS TWO:

5 *
And if the harvest s any good
6m 4 1
The money might just cover all the loans
* 2 5
You ve mortgaged all you own
* * *
... Buy the kids a winter coat
6m 4 1
Take the wife back east for Christmas if you can
* 2 5 * 1 * 6m *
All summer she hangs on, when you re so tied to the land

1 * 5 4 1
For the good times come and go, but at least there s rain
2m * 4 5
So this won t be barren ground, when Sep-tember rolls a-round
1 * 5 4 1
And watch the field behind the plow, turn to straight dark rows
2m 57 1 *
Put a-nother season s promise in the ground

ENDING: NO CHORUS, REPEAT LAST VERSE

SYMBOLS:

- Asterisk (*) = new measure, play same chord
- Period (.) = 1/8 note rest at start of a measure
- Underline(_) = sustain note into next measure

CHORDS (Number System):

- Example: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
- Key of C: C D E F G A B
- Detailed description: /pub/guitar/other_stuff/numbering_system.txt

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