

Welfare Line  
The Highwaymen

---

Welfare Line - Highwaymen

---

Tabbed by: Dave S.  
Email: prime-prine@hotmail.com

Tuning: Standard

Artist: The Highwaymen  
Album: Highwayman  
Year: 1985

**D**  
Well, now boys, I ve been to Bethlehem.  
**G**  
Rode there on a big steam train.  
**D**  
Lost two fingers in the steel mills.  
**A** **D**  
And I ain t goin back again.

**D**  
I fought for my country,  
**G**  
Lord knows, I did my best.  
**D**  
Crawlin cross some foreign field,  
**A** **D**  
They pinned a ribbon to my chest.

Chorus:

**G**  
So, pass around the bottle, boys,  
**D**  
Let s talk about old times.  
**D**  
Night s rollin in, it s cold as sin,  
**A** **D**  
Here on the welfare line.

**D**  
Served on the Georgia Road Gang.

**G**  
Couldn't pay the debts I owed.

**D**  
Cause I'm ain't made of silver,  
**A** **D**  
And I ain't never seen no gold.

**D**  
I still remember Rachael,  
**G**  
Soft as a velvet gown.  
**D**  
They layed her in the pauper's grave,  
**A** **D**  
On the other side of town.

(Repeat Chorus)

Break:

**D G D A D**

**D**  
Now some folks are born to money,  
**G**  
You know I wish them well.  
**D**  
If the devil should ever want my soul,  
**A** **D**  
I swear I'd never sell.

(Repeat Chorus 2x)