

Laid A Highway
Tift Merritt

Intro: **G D C**

Verse 1:

G
This was a town took care of it s own

D
That s what me and my children have known

C
I worked the mill the way my parents did

G
I remember this town when I was a kid

Bm
Sitting through the movies twice

C
Open windows late at night

G
Slipping out in the summer heat

D
To meet John Miller in the middle of the street

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C
They laid a highway a few years back

G
Next town over by the railroad track

D
Some nights, I m glad it passed us by

C **G** **D C**
Some nights, I sit and watch my hometown die

Verse 2:

G
I m fifty-five and when the mill burned down

D
I wasn t much past a pretty young gal

C
Boss lit a match in the oily night

G
Cops never had enough to set it right

Bm
So while the company traded with our lives

C
We were busy watching that slow moon rise

G
Dancing on the high grass ridge

D
Making love down by the Cedar County Bridge

Repeat Chorus

Instrumental: G D C G D C-

Verse 3:

G
They never came to tear that old place down

D
They roped it off, but you can walk around

C
See the rust on the painted doors

G
Watch the rain fall through the burned out floors

Bm
This was a town took care of it s own

C
This was a town doing fine all alone

G

The mill got out a quarter to five

D

You could eat supper with any family you liked

Repeat Chorus

Outro: G D C G D C G