Gravel Road
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intro:

 $A \dots A F \# M D E A$

A F#M

It must be that time of year

D E

I m feeling that pull again

A F#M

I ve got to get away from here

D I

and back to where my feet can stand

A F#M

Back to where the trees grow tall

D E

and ain t a sound for miles around

A F#M

Except for the distant call

D E A

of that lonely coyote s howl

D A

Life s mysteries unravel when my tires hit that gravel

E

and I leave the paved road far behind

A F#M

Every breath I breathe is one step closer to me

D E A

easing my worried mind

Repeat same pattern

Way back in the sticks is where I feel alive

in my rusty old 66

that won t even go fifty five

Nothing can compare

to the joy that I ve found

every time I go back there

to my own spiritual ground

I ll make a quart of sweet corn whiskey

from ten gallons of sour mash

I ll turn a pile of firewood

into a pile of sky grey ash

If there s anything left inside me that remembers what it s like to feel that cold rain falling on the top of my head and the mud beneath my heels