

Rachel's Song (The Ballad of Hazel Motes)

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Vs1

Met a man named Hazel Motes

C **F** **G**

Back at a roadside bar

C

Selling bibles from his trunk

F **G**

and moonshine from a jar

C

He said the spirit burns within

F **C**

A fire deep inside

G

He bragged about his great past

F **C**

I'm pretty sure he lied

G

Vs2

He had a way of looking wild

And in a little trouble with the law

You knew that it was coming soon

The day that he would take his fall

He drove the car all night long

But he couldn't hide

He said that he would change himself

But I don't think he tried

Chorus1

I guess that's how it goes

F **Dmin** **C**

I guess that's how the story goes

G **F**

Vs3

Many years came and went on by
That's the little funny thing about time
I heard that Hazel had gone blind
From a mutual friend of mine

He said he knew it in his blood
He didn't need to see
I couldn't tell if it was just a scam
Or an honest plea

Chorus2

I guess that's how it moves
I guess that's how the spirit moves

Short Vs4

When he was at his end
He finally cut the chain
He whispered to me "Grace is change
And change is pain".

Chorus3

I guess that's how it ends
I guess that's how the story ends