

## BACKING TO BIRMINGHAM (Lester Flatt)

I read an ad in Chicago's Sunday paper  
Help wanted, semi drivers needed bad  
I walked in and said I'd like to see the foreman  
I told him all the experience that I had

Said son you're just the man I needed  
He handed me the keys and shook my hand  
He pointed to the truck and said I'll see you  
Take that load of steel to Birmingham

Well I finally got inside and got it started  
Put it into gear and started backin'up  
Tried every way to get it going forward  
But I ain't never drove a big old truck

Well it wasn't easy backing through the traffic  
And I'll bet I'm the first truck driving man  
That ever left Chicago in a semi  
And backed it all the way to Birmingham

The police pulled me over down in Nashville  
What do you think you're doing, I just smiled  
Said I just got tired of going forward  
I thought I'd drive it backwards for a while

I backed it in a truck stop and said fill it  
Now check the oil it probably needs a can  
He said son which way are you backing  
I said I'm backing south to Birmingham

Oh there must be a button on here somewhere  
That I can push to turn this rig around  
Now I can make it fine out in the country  
But I have trouble through the town

But if I keep this up I'll finally make it  
And I'll bet I'm the first truck driving man  
That ever left Chicago in a semi  
And backed it all the way to Birmingham.