**The Ballad of Thunder Road (Don Raye / Robert Mitchum) (G)**

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| **G**  Let me tell the story, I can tell it all;  **Am D7 G**  About the mountain boy who ran illegal alcohol.  **G**  His daddy made the whiskey,  the son he drove the load;  **Am D7**  And when his engine roared  **G Am G**  They called the highway "Thunder Road".  **G**  Sometimes into Ashville,  Sometimes Memphis town.  **Am D7**  The Revenuers chased him  **G**  But they couldn't run him down.  **G**  Each time they thought they had him  His engine would explode.  **Am D7**  He'd go by like they were standing  **G Am G**  Still on "Thunder Road".  **Chorus:**  **C**  And there was thunder, thunder  **G C D7**  Over "Thunder Road", Thunder was his engine  **G G7**  And white lightening was his load.  **C**  And there was moonshine, moonshine  **G**  To quench the devil's thirst.  **Am D7**  The law they swore they'd get him  **G**  But the devil got him first.  **G**  It was on the first of April, Nineteen-Fifty-Four  **Am D7**  The Federal man sent word  **G**  He'd better make his run no more.  **G**  He said "200 agents were covering the state; | | | | **Am D7**  Which ever road he tried to take  **G Am G**  They'd get him sure as fate."  **G**  'Son' his daddy told him, 'make this run your last.  **Am D7**  The tank is filled with 100 proof;  **G**  You're all tuned-up and gassed.  **G**  Now don't take any chances, if you can't get through.  **Am D7**  I'd rather have you back again  **G Am G**  Than all that Mountain Dew.' **Chorus**  **G**  Roaring out of Harlan; revving up his mill.  **Am D7**  He shot the Gap at Cumberland  **G**  And streamed by Maynardville.  **G**  With G men on his tail light; road block up ahead,  **Am D7**  The mountain boy took roads  **G Am G**  That even angels fear to tread.  **G**  Blazing right through Knoxville, out on Kingston Pike,  **Am D7**  Then right outside of Bearden,  **G**  They made the fatal strike.  **G**  He left the road at 90; that's all there is to say,  **Am D7**  The devil got the moonshine  **G Am G**  And the mountain boy that day. **Chorus (2X)**  **Am D7**  The law they swore they'd get him  **C Am G**  But the devil got him first. | | | |  |
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