

# Johnny Cash, Mean Eyed Cat

I give my woman half my money at the general store  
I said, "Now buy a little groceries, and don't spend no more."  
But she gave ten dollars for a ten cent hat  
And bought some store bought cat food for a mean eyed cat.

When I give her ten more dollars for a one way ticket  
She was mad as she could be  
Then I bet ten more that if she ever left  
She'd come a-crawlin' back to me  
When I woke up this mornin' and I turned my head  
There wasn't a cotton pickin' thing on her side of the bed  
I found a little old note where her head belonged  
It said, "Dear John, honey, baby, I'm long gone."

When I heard a whistle blowin', and the big wheels a-turnin'  
I was scared as I could be I put on my overalls and  
I headed to town Gonna bring her back with me.

I asked the man down at the station if he'd seen her there  
I told him all about her pretty eyes and long, blonde hair  
He spit his tobacco, said, "I'll be dad blamed....."  
I believe I did see her leavin' on the east bound train.

I bought a round trip ticket on the east bound train  
I was broke as I could be  
But when I come back, gotta buy another ticket  
Gotta bring her back with me.

Well, I got off the train somewhere in Arkansas  
And I worked up the guts to call my Mother-In-Law  
She said, "I'll tell you where she is, if you act right."  
"She's workin' four to twelve at Trucker's World tonight."

When I walked in she saw me, and she took off her apron  
And she grabbed her goin' home hat  
She bought a ticket with her tips  
And now we're curled up on the  
sofa, me and her....and that mean eyed cat