

John J. Blanchard

Anthony Smith

He had a stroke in '95
They thought it best that he reside in a nursing home
His family vowed they'd never leave him
Last time they came to see him was three years ago

He spent his whole life providin'
Now he was down to relyin' on medicare
The nurses took a likin' to him
They'd get his wheelchair out and push him on sunny days

He couldn't walk, he couldn't speak
Seemed so far outta reach
But in his mind, as far as they knew, he could be

Fly fishin'
Workin' on that Firebird engine
Runnin' 99 proof moonshine cross the county line
3,2,1 And ignition off on some space shuttle mission
Playin' QB for the Cowboys
Getting high on the crowd noise and the bright lights
'Cause deep inside things were rockin' in the mind
Of John J Blanchard

One afternoon in June
A nurse saw his finger move she bout had a heart attack
She went screamin' down the hall
"Hey it's a miracle ya'll, I think he's comin' back"

The doctors all rushed in, said
"Do you know what year this is?"
"How many fingers am I holdin', and where've you been?"

And he said
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Yeah, this time things were rockin' in the mind
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