

# One Piece At A Time

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Intro—E-A-B-E-E

Well I left Kentucky back in '49 and went to Detroit workin' on the assembly line he first year they had me puttin' wheels on Cadillacs  
Every day I'd watch them beauties roll by and sometimes I'd hang my head and cry Cuz I always wanted me one that was long and black  
One day I devised myself a plan that should be the envy of most any man I'd sneak it outta there in a lunchbox in my hand

Now gettin' caught meant gettin' fired but I figured I'd have it all by the time I retired I'd have me a car worth at least 100 grand

**Chorus—**

I'd get it one piece at a time and it wouldn't cost me a dime you'll know it's me when I come through your town  
I'm gonna ride around in style I'm gonna drive everybody wild Cuz I'll have the only one there is around

So the very next day when I punched in with my big lunchbox and with help from my friend I left that day with a lunchbox full of gears  
I've never considered myself a thief but GM wouldn't miss just one little piece especially if I strung it out over several years  
The first day I got me a fuel pump and the next day I got me an engine and a trunk then I got me a transmission and all the chrome  
The little things I could get in my big lunchbox like nuts and bolts and all 4 shocks but the big stuff we snuck out my buddy's mobile home  
Now up to now my plan went alright 'Til we tried to put it all together one night  
And that's when we noticed that somethin' was definitely wrong  
The transmission was a '53 and the motor turned out to be a '73 and when we tried to put in the bolts all the holes were gone  
So we drilled it out so that it would fit and with a little help from an adapter kit we had that engine runnin' just like a song  
Now the headlights, they was another sight we had 2 on the left and 1 on the right but when we pulled out the switch all 3 of 'em come on  
The back end looked kinda funny too but we put it together and when we got through well that's when we noticed that we only had 1 tail fin  
About that time my wife walked out and I could see in her eyes that she had her doubts  
But she opened the door and said "Honey, take me for a spin"  
So we drove uptown just to get the tags and I headed her right on down main drag I could hear everybody laughin' for blocks around  
But up there at the courthouse they didn't laugh Cuz to type it up it took the whole staff and  
When they got through the title weighed 60 pounds

**Repeat Chorus—**

Uh, yeah Red Rider this is the Cotton Mouth in the Psycho Billy Cadillac, come on Huh?

Uh, this is the Cotton Mouth and neg-a-tory on the Cost of this moe-sheen there Red Rider

You might say I went right up to the factory and Picked it up, it's cheaper that way Uh, what model is it?

Well it's a 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 Automobile It's a 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70 Automobile