

OLD STEEL HEART

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[Verse 1]

The screen door slammed on a hot summer day
Work boots on gravel, coming my way
That old key turned, and I came alive
Thirty years together, side by side

[Verse 2]

He knew every rattle, every stubborn gear
Said, "Come on, old friend," and I'd get him there
Through harvest mornings and the winter snow
There wasn't a road we didn't know

[Chorus]

I was never much to look at
Just a truck that did its part
But I carried everything he loved
Inside this old steel heart
Some roads stay with you
Long after the driving's done
And the last load I ever carried
Was the hardest one

[Verse 3]

They washed my windshield clean that day
Laid his casket in my bed
No one spoke along that road
Just the weight of the life he'd led

They parked me by the barn that night
And left my keys beneath the light
The seasons passed, the tall grass grew
And I thought my traveling days were through

[Bridge]

Then the screen door slammed one summer day
A soldier's boots came walking my way
He held that old key in his hand
And smiled the way his granddad had

[Final Chorus]

I was never much to look at
Just a truck that did its part
But I carried everything he loved
Inside this old steel heart
Some roads stay with you
Long after the driving's done
And the last load I ever carried
Wasn't the final one

[Outro]

He turned the key, I caught my breath
Coughed twice and came alive again
He laid his hand upon my dash
And whispered, "Let's go home, old friend."