

# Charlie Rich, I Love My Friend

My pappy said, &quot;Son, you're gonna' drive me to drinkin'  
If you don't stop drivin' that Hot Rod Lincoln.&quot;;  
Have you heard this story of the Hot Rod Race  
When Fords and Lincolns was settin' the pace.  
That story is true, I'm here to say  
I was drivin' that Model A.  
It's got a Lincoln motor and it's really souped up.  
That Model A Vitimix makes it look like a pup.  
It's got eight cylinders; uses them all.  
It's got overdrive, just won't stall.  
With a 4-barrel carb and a dual exhaust,  
With 4.11 gears you can really get lost.  
It's got safety tubes, but I ain't scared.  
The brakes are good, tires fair.  
Pulled out of San Pedro late one night  
The moon and the stars was shinin' bright.  
We was drivin' up Grapevine Hill  
Passing cars like they was standing still.  
All of a sudden in a wink of an eye  
A Cadillac sedan passed us by.  
I said, &quot;Boys, that's a mark for me!&quot;;  
By then the taillight was all you could see.  
Now the fellas was ribbin' me for bein' behind,  
So I thought I'd make the Lincoln unwind.  
Took my foot off the gas and man alive,  
I shoved it on down into overdrive.  
Wound it up to a hundred-and-ten  
My speedometer said that I hit top end.  
My foot was blue, like lead to the floor.  
That's all there is and there ain't no more.  
Now the boys all thought I'd lost my sense  
And telephone poles looked like a picket fence.  
They said, &quot;Slow down! I see spots!  
The lines on the road just look like dots.&quot;;  
Took a corner; sideswiped a truck,  
Crossed my fingers just for luck.  
My fenders was clickin' the guardrail posts.  
The guy beside me was white as a ghost.  
Smoke was comin' from out of the back  
When I started to gain on that Cadillac.  
Knew I could catch him, I thought I could pass.  
Don't you know by then we'd be low on gas?  
We had flames comin' from out of the side.  
Feel the tension. Man! What a ride!  
I said, &quot;Look out, boys, I've got a license to fly!&quot;;  
And that Caddy pulled over and let us by.  
Now all of a sudden she started to knockin',  
And down in the dips she started to rockin'.  
I looked in my mirror; a red light was blinkin'  
The cops was after my Hot Rod Lincoln!  
They arrested me and they put me in jail.  
And called my pappy to throw my bail.  
And he said, &quot;Son, you're gonna' drive me to drinkin'  
If you don't stop drivin' that Hot... Rod... Lincoln!&quot;;