Seals and Crofts, Ridin' Thumb

(lyrics by James Seals; music by James Seals & Crofts, 1969)
From the albums DOWN HOME (1970), SEALS AND CROFTS I AND II (1974) and TODAY (2000)
Covered by The Doobie Brothers on 1974's Cyanalbum.
Covered by the The Fabulous Rhinestones on 1975's The Rhinestoneslp.

See the man on the black top highway movin' past a no man's land.
All alone on the black top highway. Movin' just as fast as he can, ridin' thumb, ridin' thumb.
Left his home down in Macon, Georgia. Left the shade of an old oak tree.
Got his dreams in his left front pocket. Got his eye squinted towards the sea, ridin' thumb, ridin' thu

He don't care where the road goes, just as long as he gets his ride. And he don't care 'bout food ar He just lets his conscience be his guide, ridin' thumb, ridin' thumb.

Left his sister and his mama cryin' (cryin'), beggin' him not to leave that day (leave that day). Said he'd write but they knew he was a-lyin' (lyin'). Got no razor, got no pay, ridin' thumb, ridin' thur