

# Alan Jackson, The Talkin' Song Repair Blues

(Written by Dennis Linde)

The mechanic raised up from under my hood  
He shook his head and said, "This ain't good  
Your timin' belt's done, shrunk one size too small  
Those spark plug wires are a little too long  
And your main prodspander's nearly gone  
Your injector ports are stripped and that ain't all."

"The torque converter's runnin' low on torque  
And that water pump's nearly down a quart  
But we caught it all in time so you're in luck"  
He said, "I've got the time and I've got the parts  
Just give me the word and I'm ready to start  
I think we can bring her in for eight hundred bucks."

But don't be downhearted, I can fix it for you, sonny  
It won't take too long, it'll just take money  
Then he said, "Ain't you that songwriter guy?"  
I said, "Yes, I am," he said, "So am I."

And he sat down and played me a song by the grease rack  
When he finished singin' he gave me a smile  
And I closed my eyes and pondered awhile  
And he said, "What do you think? Now don't hold nothin' back."

Well, I gave him my most sorrowful look  
And I said, "This song's got a broken hook  
I can order you a new one from Nashville but it won't be cheap  
And I know you've been using a cut-rate thesaurus  
'Cause your adverbs have backed up into your chorus  
Now your verse is runnin' on verbs that are way too weak."

But don't be downhearted, I can fix it for you, sonny  
It won't take too long, it'll just take money  
And I said, "Hold on friend now I'm not through  
I hate to be the one to give you the news."

But your whole melodic structure's worked itself loose  
It's got so many dotted eighth notes in it  
I'd keep her under fifty beats per minute  
I mean, that's just me talkin', it's really up to you."

And you've got a bad safety problem with  
That dominant chord with the augmented fifth  
Just see how dangerously high it raises you up  
So just go on over there and work on my car  
I'll sit here by the fan and chances are  
I can straighten this thing out for eig...nine hundred bucks."

But don't be downhearted, I can fix it for you, sonny  
It won't take too long  
You guessed it  
It may be a hit  
I like it...