

Mel Tillis, Carroll County Accident

Carroll County's pointed out as kinda square
The biggest thing that happens is the county fair
I guess that's why it seemes like such a big event
What we all call the Carroll County accident
The wreck was on the highway just inside the line
Walter Browning lost his life and for a while
It seemed that Mary Ellen Jones would surely die
But she lived long enough for her to testify
Now Walter Browning was a happy married man
He wore a golden wedding ring upon his hand
But it was gone nobody knew just where it went
He lost it in the Carroll County accident
Mary Ellen testified he flagged her down
Said he was sick and could she drive him into town
And no one even doubted what she said was true
Cause she was well respected in the county too

I went down to see the wreck like all the rest
The bloody seats the broken glass the tangled mess
But I found something no one else had even seen
Behind the dash in Mary's crumpled up machine
A little matchbox circled by a rubber band
And inside the ring from Walter Browning's hand
It took a while to figure out just what it meant
The truth about the Carroll County accident
By dark of night I dropped the ring into a well
And took a sacred oath that I would never tell
The truth about the Carroll County accident
Cause the county ordered dead a marble monument
I lost him in the Carroll County accident I lost him in the Carroll County accident