

Backin' to Birmingham – Lester Flatt

Bluegrass Classic, $\frac{2}{4}$ Time, Key of **D** My Key: ____

INTRO: 5 , 5 , 1 , 1 , 1

Read an- 1 ad, in 5 Chicago's Sunday 1 paper,
Help 1 wanted semi 5 drivers needed 1 bad 1⁷
I walked 4 in and said I'd like to see the 1 foreman,
I 2 told him all the-experience that I 5 had,
He-said 1 son, you're 5 just the man I'm 1 needin',
He 1 handed me, the 5 keys and shook my 1 hand 1⁷
4 Pointed to the truck and said I'd 1 see you,
5 Take that load, of steel to Birmin'- 1 ham 1⁷

Well I- 4 finally got inside and got it started,
Put it 4 into gear and started backin' up,
Tried 4 every way to get it goin' forward,
But 2 I ain't never drove, a big ole 5 truck,
Well it- 1 wasn't easy 5 backin' through the 1 traffic,
And 1 I'll bet I'm the 5 first truck drivin' 1 man 1⁷
That 4 ever left Chicago in a 1 semi,
And 5 backed it all, the way, to Birmin'- 1 ham,

The 1 police pulled me 5 over down in 1 Nashville,
What 1 do you think you're 5 doin', I just 1 smiled 1⁷
I 4 said I just got tired, of goin' 1 forward,
I 2 thought I'd drive it backward, for a 5 while,
I 1 backed it in a 5 truck stop and said 1 Fill it,
And 1 check the oil, it 5 probably needs a 1 can 1⁷
4 He said tell me which way are you 1 backin',
I 5 said I'm backin' south, to Birmin'- 1 ham,

Oh there 4 must, be a button on here somewhere,
That 4 I can push to turn this rig around,
Now 4 I can make it fine out in the country,
But- 2 I have trouble gettin' through the 5 town,
But 1 if I keep it 5 up I'll finally make 1 it,
And 1 I'll bet I'm the 5 first truck drivin' 1 man 1⁷
That 4 ever left Chicago in a 1 semi,
And 5 backed it all, the way to Birmin'- 1 ham,
And 5 backed it all, the way to Birmin'- 1 ham

1 = D
2 = E
4 = G
5 = A