

Backin' to Birmingham – Lester Flatt

Bluegrass Classic, 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