

# Before the Cold Winds Blow - Blue Highway

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**INTRO:** **1** , **1** , **1** , **1** , **4** , **1** , **1** , **1** , **1**  
**4** , **4** , **5** , **5** , **1** , **1** , **1**

The weather finally **1** broke, .in the middle of **4** A,- **1** pril,  
Jacob loaded up his **4** wagon, .with last year's **5** furs,  
He'd have to make the trip a- **1** lone, .'cause it would be too **4** ris,- **1** ky,  
For his pretty wife **4** Sarah and the unborn **5** child she carried with **1** her,  
It took three **1** weeks, .to reach the Mississippi **4** Ri,- **1** ver,  
And he turned, **4** South, .toward New Or- **5** leans,  
For a boy from the **1** mountains, .it was easy to get **4** caught, **1** up,  
In the sights and **4** sounds of the city and the **5** things he'd never **1** seen,

**CHORUS:** And the river rolls **4** on, .like an endless **1** river,  
The sun light **4** glistens, .on the rocks be- **5** low,  
He can hear her **4** voice, **5** .in the rippling **1** water,  
Saying please be **4** home, **5** .before the cold winds **1** blow

**INSTRUMENTAL:** **1** , **1** , **1** , **1** , **4** , **1** , **1** , **1** , **1**  
**4** , **4** , **4** , **4** , **5** , **5** , **5** , **5**  
**1** , **1** , **1** , **1** , **4** , **1** , **1** , **1** , **1**  
**4** , **4** , **5** , **5** , **1** , **1** , **1**

He fell **1** in, .with a bad com- **4** pan,- **1** ion,  
Said give, me all your **4** money, .or-I'll take your **5** life,  
But Jacob drew his **1** pistol, .and in less, than a **4** heart,- **1** beat,  
The stranger lay **4** dead on the floor  
and **5** someone had to pay the **1** price,

Now after three long **1** years, .in a Louisiana **4** pri,- **1** son,  
He stands on the **4** hill, .that overlooks his **5** farm,  
With his woman by his **1** side, .he thanks God for his **4** bless,- **1** ing,  
And most of **4** all, for the blonde haired **5** child, resting in his **1** arms,

## CHORUS

Yes he can hear her **4** voice, **5** .in the rippling **1** water,  
Saying please be **4** home, **5** .before the cold winds **1** blow,

**INSTRUMENTAL** to fade...

1 = F  
4 = B<sup>b</sup>  
5 = C