

# HIGHWAY 61

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Oh, God said to Abraham, "Kill me a son"  
Abe says, "Man you must be puttin' me on"  
God says, "No", Abe say "What?"  
God say "You can do what you want Abe but  
The next time you see me comin' you better run"

Well Abe said, "Where do you want this killin' done?"  
God say, "Out on Highway 61"

Well Georgia Sam he had a bloody nose  
Welfare department they wouldn't give him no clothes  
He asked poor Howard, "Where can I go?"  
Howard said, "There's only one place I know"  
Sam said, "Tell me quick man and I got to run"

Old Howard just pointed with his gun  
And said, "That way down Highway 61"

Well Mack the finger said to Louie the King  
"I got forty red white and blue shoe strings  
And a thousand telephones that don't ring  
Do you know where I can get rid of these things?"  
And Louie the King said, "Let me think for a minute son"

And he said, "Yes I think it can be easily done  
Just take everything down to Highway 61"

Now the fifth daughter on the twelfth night  
Told the first father that things weren't right  
My complexion she says is much too white  
He said, "Come here and step into the light"  
He says, "Hmm you're right  
Let me tell the second mother this has been done"

But the second mother was with the seventh son  
And they were both out on Highway 61

Now the Rovin' gambler he was very bored  
He was tryin' to create a next world war  
He found a promoter who nearly fell off the floor

He said, "I never engaged in this kind of thing before  
But yes I think it can be very easily done"

We'll just put some bleachers out in the sun  
And have it on Highway 61

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