Armadillo Jackal

Am G
The evening sun was sinkin' down, a chill north wind a-blows
F E
The new-plowed ground was coolin' fast, the river rolls and flows
Am G
Beneath the two-lane concrete river bridge between my place and town
F E
On that hot-bed Farm to Market road they call 1291
AmG

I'm sayin' son you'll see me searchin'; sizzlin' down that broad hiway
F E
Dollar signs in both my eyes, I'm seekin' out my prey. I'm prayin'
Am G
"Jesus, will you send me just another three or four?"
F E
They pay two-fifty down in Halletsville, 3 dollars, maybe more.

Am G
And more than likely they'll be out tonight a-wanderin' from the farms;
F E
Waddlin' down 1291 to keep their bodies warm.
Am G
I'm talking walkin' belts and neckties, and boots for rodeo;
F E
They don't run too fast, don't waste much gas. I'm makin' lots o'dough.
Am C G D Am C G D
The armadillo....o....o...o The armadillo....o....o...o The armadillo

(after this use the same chord progression as the first verse)

Never sees me when I hit him with my brights. His life don't flash
Before his eyes, he's blinded by my lights and so I hit him with my
Bumper doin' sixty, sixty-five; they take 'em frozen down in Halletsville
They don't take 'em alive. The jackal cri....i....i...ied
The jackal cri....i....i...ied The jackal cried, "Look there's two of
Them a-walkin' down the line. I can't believe my luck tonight this here
Makes twenty-nine!" And so he rolled the first one runnin'. The second
Was too fast. His breaks and laughter squealin' as he stomped down on the
Gas. Good-God, his car was sideways flyin', when the bridge wall met his
Door. The impact shook the river bed his foot went through the floor
Forevermore....or....or...ore Forevermore....or....or....ore
Forevermore was his last moment from the bridge wall to the stream; from
The speckled blood around his smile a-spewin' gasoline. And then he
Screamed his raspy epitaph, before he turned to flame: "They pay two-fifty
down in Halletsville.... I ain't the one to blame....."
Ain't it a sha....a....a...ame The jackal cri....i....i...ied

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The armadillo....o....o...o The armadillo....o....o...o
(repeat until fade)

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