

4) **Road trip** David M Regen © 1995

Takin a <sup>1</sup>road trip, takin a <sup>4</sup>road <sup>1</sup>trip  
Gonna <sup>1</sup>see my friends and loved ones <sup>2</sup>by and <sup>5</sup>by  
& Takin a <sup>1</sup>road trip, takin a <sup>4</sup>road <sup>1</sup>trip  
\* Gonna <sup>1</sup>take that road trip <sup>5</sup>in the <sup>1</sup>sky

I will <sup>1</sup>bring this old guitar and I'll <sup>4</sup>play it with the <sup>1</sup>stars  
In that <sup>1</sup>country-music festi<sup>2</sup>val on <sup>5</sup>high  
George D <sup>1</sup>Hay will be up there in the <sup>4</sup>castle of the <sup>1</sup>air (*or: courthouse*)  
Where the <sup>1</sup>soul of <sup>5</sup>man never <sup>1</sup>dies  
Fiddling <sup>1</sup>Sid will be there too he will <sup>4</sup>rosen up his <sup>1</sup>bow  
And he'll <sup>1</sup>fiddle like you never <sup>2</sup>heard be <sup>5</sup>fore  
We'll hear <sup>1</sup>Deford Bailey's train, far-off whistle in re<sup>1</sup>frain  
When we <sup>1</sup>meet on that <sup>5</sup>beautiful <sup>1</sup>shore

After <sup>1</sup>Minnie brings the news and Jimmie <sup>4</sup>Rogers sings the <sup>1</sup>blues  
The <sup>1</sup>bluegrass will be lone<sup>2</sup>some and <sup>5</sup>high  
Then un<sup>1</sup>broken melody from the <sup>4</sup>Carter Fami<sup>1</sup>ly  
In the <sup>1</sup>sky Lord <sup>5</sup>in the <sup>1</sup>sky  
Hank and <sup>1</sup>Ernest went before, Driftin <sup>4</sup>Luke and the trouba<sup>1</sup>dor  
Bill and <sup>1</sup>Ralph will be along by <sup>2</sup>even <sup>5</sup>tide  
We will <sup>1</sup>join the angel band when we <sup>4</sup>reach the promised <sup>1</sup>land  
On that <sup>1</sup>peaceful shore up<sup>5</sup> on the other <sup>1</sup>side

Roy <sup>1</sup>Acuff will be late and he'll <sup>4</sup>tune up while we <sup>1</sup>wait  
And he'll <sup>1</sup>ask if Pete and Howdy <sup>2</sup>have been <sup>5</sup>called  
With the <sup>1</sup>Smokey Mountain Boys we will <sup>4</sup>make a joyful <sup>1</sup>noise  
In that <sup>1</sup>land where we'll <sup>5</sup>never grow <sup>1</sup>old  
Flatt and <sup>1</sup>Scruggs will reconcile, we will <sup>4</sup>hear their special <sup>1</sup>style  
Singing <sup>1</sup>songs that we all <sup>2</sup>know and <sup>5</sup>love  
We will <sup>1</sup>sing and we'll play, on that <sup>4</sup>unclouded <sup>1</sup>day  
When we <sup>1</sup>all get to<sup>5</sup>gether up a<sup>1</sup>bove

4) *Road trip* is based on the eulogy at the funeral of a member of my first band (Outbound Freight) who died prematurely about 1980. I wrote it a few days later. It occurs to me that it could become *the* country-music anthem.