

Give Me Forty Acres - Willis Brothers

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Traditional

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[G] He was headin' into Boston in a [C] big, long Diesel truck
It was [D7] his first trip to Boston, he was [G] having lots of luck
He was going the wrong direction down a one-[C] way street in town
And [D7] this is what he said when the police chased him [G] down.

CHORUS

[G] Give me forty acres and I'll [C] turn this rig around
It's the [D7] easiest way that I've [G] found ... [D7]
Some [G] guys can turn it on a dime or [C] turn it right downtown
But [D7] I need forty acres to turn this rig a-[G] round.

When he finally found where to unload, he had a dreadful shock
His trailer pointed toward the road and his cab right to the dock
And as he looked around him through the tears he made this sound
Oh, give me forty acres and I'll turn this rig around.

CHORUS

When he finally got unloaded, he was glad to leave the town
He was very, very happy, headin' back to Alabam'
When up ahead he saw a sign, said; "You are Northward bound."
He said; "Give me forty acres and I'll turn this rig a- round."

He was driving down the right lane, when ahead he saw a sign
Now he's gotta make a left turn, but he cannot get in line
And the tears were streaming down his cheeks and they all heard him yell
"Give me forty sticks of dynamite and I'll blow this thing to ... !"

CHORUS