Dead Skunk in the Middle of the Road
by Loudon Wainwright III (1972)


Crossing the high-way late last night, he shoulda looked left and he shoulda looked right

He didn’t see the sta-tion wag-on car, the skunk got squashed and there you are

G . . . | D . . . . . . |

Chorus:   You got your dead skunk in the middle of the road,
C . . . | G . . . . . . |

Dead skunk in the middle of the road

Dead skunk in the middle of the road and it’s stinking to high-- heaven.


G . . | D . . . . . . | G . . . . . . |

Take a whiff on me, that ain’t no rose. Roll up your windows and hold your nose.

You don’t have to look and you don’t have to see, ‘cuz you can feel it in your ol-fac-tor-y.

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G . . | D . . . . . . | G . . . . . . |

Yeah, you got your dead possum and your dead ground-hog
C . . . | G . . . . . . |

on a moon-lit night you got your dead toad-frog
G . . . | D . . . . . . |

You got your dead rabbit and your dead raccoon
C . . . | G . . . . . . |

the blood and the guts, they gonna make you swoon
Chorus: You got your dead skunk in the middle
C . . . | G . . . |
Dead skunk in the middle of the road
Dead skunk in the middle of the road stinking to high-- heaven. C’mon stink!


You got it. It’s dead. It’s in the middle.
C . . . | G . . . |
Dead skunk in the middle
Dead skunk in the middle of the road, stinking to high-- heaven.

(speaken) All over the road…. technicolour….


Ohhh you got pollution
G . . . | D . . . | C . . . | G\ D\ G\ 
It’s dead. It’s in the middle and it’s stinking to hi---gh heaven!

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