One Piece At A Time-Johnny Cash
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C
Well I left Kentucky back in '49
           F
And went to Detroit working on assembly line
    G7                                    C
The first year they had me putting wheels on Cadillac's

Every day I'd watch them beauties roll by
    F
And sometimes I'd hang my head and cry
         G7                                C
'Cause I always wanted me one that was long and black


One day I devised myself a plan
           F
That should be the envy of most any man
    G7                                  C
I'd sneak it outta there in a lunch box in my hand

Now getting caught meant getting fired
      F
But I figured I'd have it all by the time I retired
    G7                                  C
I'd have me a car worth at least a hundred grand

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I'd get it one piece at a time and it wouldn't cost me a dime
       G7                                  C
You'll know it's me when I come through your town
                                         F
I'm gonna ride around in style I'm gonna drive everybody wild
       G7                                C
'Cause I'll have the only one there is around


So the very next day when I punched in
        F
With my big lunch box and with help from my friends
  G7                                    C
I left that day with a lunch-box full of gears

I've never considered myself a thief
    F
But GM wouldn't miss just one little piece
  G7                                      C
Especially if I strung it out over several years


The first day I got me a fuel pump
        F
And the next day I got me an engine and a trunk
     G7                                   C
Then I got me a transmission and all the chrome

The little things I could get in my big lunch box
     F
Like nuts and bolts and all four shocks
G7                                                C
But the big stuff we snuck out in my buddy's mobile home


Now up to now my plan went alright
        F
Till we tried to put it all together one night
    G7                                                  C
And that's when we noticed that something was definitely wrong

The transmission was a '53
        F
And the motor turned out to be a '73
    G7                                                  C
And when we tried to put in the bolts all the holes were gone
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So we drilled it out so that it would fit
F
And with a little bit of help from an adapter kit
G7 C
We had that engine running just like a song

Now the headlights they was another sight
F
We had two on the left and one on the right
G7 C
But when we pulled out the switch all three of 'em come on

The back end looked kind of funny too
F
But we put it together and when we got through
G7 C
Well that's when we noticed that we only had one tail fin

About that time my wife walked out
F
And I could see in her eyes that she had her doubts
G7 C
But she opened the door and said honey take me for a spin

So we drove uptown just to get the tags
F
And I headed her right on down main drag
G7 C
I could hear everybody laughing for blocks around

But up there at the courthouse they didn't laugh
F
Cause to type it up it took the whole staff
G7 C
And when they got through the title weighed sixty pounds

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I got it one piece at a time and it wouldn't cost me a dime
G7 C
You'd know it's me when I come through your town
F
I'm gonna ride around in style I'm gonna drive everybody wild
G7 C
'Cause I'll have the only one there is around

spoken:
Ah yeah Red Rider this is the Cottonmouth
In the Psychobilly Cadillac come on
Ah this is the Cottonmouth and negatory
On the cost of this machine there Red Rider
You might say I went right up to the factory and picked it up
It's cheaper that way

Ah what model is it

C F
Well it's a '49, '50, '51, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56
G7 C
'57 '58' 59' Automobile
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It's a '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67
G7 C
'68, '69, '70 Automobile