

That Mercury

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It was his, before it was mine.
He bought that Mercury in '69.
He'd say I don't know why I kept it
Maybe I had you in mind.
He bought that Mercury in '69.

Grandpa would tell him," Son.
Don't shine that thing too much.
Boy, the way you're going
You're gonna rub the paint right off."
He'd just smile and say, "Dad, she's gonna look so fine."
He bought that Mercury in '69.

CHORUS:

It took him to his High School.
It took Mama to the prom.
It took him right back to her door
The night he left for Vietnam.
That's when he dropped down on one knee
And said be mine for all time
He bought that Mercury in '69.

A 63' ragtop. Over the years I've had a few
Convertibles, but none like that, they just wouldn't do.
They just never stood out
Like that one in my mind.
He bought that Mercury in '69.

CHORUS 2:

It took us to our ballgames.
And it picked us up from school
There were a couple years there, I'll admit
I didn't think it looked so cool.

Songwriter's Notes

This one is sort of crazy. My Dad had a 1963 Mercury Comet convertible when he and Mom dated in high school. So last year for their 40th wedding anniversary, my wife and I bought one just like it for them to take from the church to the reception hall after they renewed their vows.

We intended on storing it over the winter and then selling it. But when I pulled her out of her winter slumber and shined her all up to put that for sale sign in the window, Debi walked out and said, "You know we can't sell that car." I knew that, but I was calling her bluff and the rest is history.

You can see "Haley" in a lot of the pictures on this website. Fiction sometimes mixed with fact can make a good song, which is what I did since I wanted to write something about the car. So I imagined what would have happened had Dad kept his old '63 Comet convertible. And you can never go wrong with a song about Dads, sons, and cars!

I was sitting in our living room not long ago late at night and the words, "It was his, before it was mine, he bought that Mercury in '69" came from nowhere. I wrote it in about 30 minutes and didn't change a thing.

But he always took her down the road
With his head held high.
He bought that Mercury in '69.

Daddy never had much, and what he did he gave away.
That's why I have that Comet sittin in my drive today.
My little guy just loves
Taking Pops car for a drive.
He bought that Mercury in '69.

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He'd say I don't know why I kept it
Aw But I think I know why
He bought that Mercury in '69.