IT’S MONEY THAT MATTERS

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Medium rock

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Of all of the people that

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I used to know, most never adjusted

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to the great big world

I see them

lurking in bookstores,

working for the Public Radio

Carrying their babies around in a sack on their back, moving

careful and slow.

It's money that matters,
It's money that matters in the U.S.A.

All of these people are much brighter than I.

In any fair system
they would flourish and thrive,

but they barely survive. They eke out a living and they barely survive.

When I was a young boy,
maybe thirteen,
I took a hard look around me

and asked "What does it mean?"
So I

talked to my father,
he didn't know.
I talked to my friend,

he didn't know.
I talked to my brother,
he didn't know.

I
talked to ev'-ry-bod-y that I knew. It's mon-ey that mat-ters,

now you know that it's true.

It's mon-ey that mat-ters,

what-ev-er you do.

Then I talked to a man_ lived up on the
I was washing his car at the county line.

with a friend of mine.

He was a little fat guy in a red jumpsuit.

I said, "That looks kind of funny."

He said, "I..."
know it does too.

"But I got a great big house on the hill here.

great big blonde wife inside it. Great big pool in my

backyard, another great big pool beside it. Sonny, it's
mon-ey that mat-ters, now you hear what I say...
mon-ey that mat-ters, now you know that it’s true...

It’s mon-ey that mat-ters in the what
It’s mon-ey that mat-ters,

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It’s ev-er you do.”

Repeat and fade