

## Kern River Blues - Merle Haggard

**D**  
Well I'm leaving town tomorrow  
getting' my breakfast in the **A7 D**  
sky  
**G**  
Well I'm leavin' in the early  
morning eat my breakfast in the  
sky **D**  
**A7**  
Be a donut on a paper drink my  
coffee on the fly **D**

**D**  
Cause I'm flyin' out on jet plane  
gonna leave this town behind **A7 D**  
**G**  
I'm flyin' out on jet plane gonna  
leave this town behind **D**  
**A7**  
They done moved the city limits out  
by the county line **D**

**D**  
Put my head up to the window  
watched the city fade away **A7 D**

**G**  
Put my head close to the window  
watch Oildale fade away **D**  
**A7**  
Now the blues back in the 30's just  
like the blues today **D**

**D**  
There used to be a river here  
runnin' deep and wide **A7 D**  
**G**  
Well they used to have Kern River  
runnin' deep and wide **D**  
**A7**  
Then somebody stole the water  
another politician lied **D**

**D**  
When you close down all the honky  
tonks the city died at night **A7 D**  
**G**  
When you close down all the honky  
tonks the city died at night **D**  
**A7**  
When it hurt somebody's feelings  
well the wrong ain't never right **D**

**D**  
Well I'm leavin' town forever kiss  
an old boxcar goodbye **A7 D**  
**G**  
Well I'm leavin' town forever kiss  
an old boxcar goodbye **D**  
**A7**  
I'd dump my blues down in the  
river, but the old Kern River's dry **D**