

# Can't Teach An Old Dog New Tricks

Gary "U.S." Bonds

YOU GOTTA GET UP PRETTY EARLY IN THE MORNING, BABY  
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST UP AND OUT-SLICK ME  
'CAUSE I'VE BEEN FOOLED BY THE BEST  
BS'ED BY THE REST  
I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING THERE IS IN LIFE FROM A TO Z  
I'VE DINED WITH FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES  
SLEPT WITH GIRLS OF ALL RACES  
GOTTEN DOWN WITH THE BROTHERS IN THE BOWERY  
AND THEY ALL TAUGHT ME ONE THING  
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A SURE THING  
LIFE AS WE KNOW IT, HAS NO GUARANTEES

TURNAROUND:  
I'VE BEEN IN THE BATTLES  
TAKEN MY LICKS  
HAD LOTS OF PARTIES  
HAD ALL THE KICKS  
I'M NOT OFTEN WELL  
BUT, I AIN'T NEVER BEEN SICK

SO, YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS  
CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS

PEOPLE TALK AND MAKE PROMISES 'BOUT THIS AND THAT  
BUT ACTION'S THE ONLY THING THAT EXCITES ME  
ALL THOSE PROMISES THEY'RE MAKING  
I'D BE CRAZY IF I TAKE 'EM  
I KEEP THEM STORED UP IN MY MEMORY  
I'M JUST LIVING IN A WORLD WHERE SOCIETY  
AND WHAT PEOPLE SAY AND DO  
NO LONGER INTEREST ME  
I'M JUST LIVING OUT MY DAYS  
SET IN MY WAYS  
LIVING FOR MY FRIENDS AND MY FAMILY

WELL, I'VE LIVED IN THE CITY  
BUT, I AIN'T WHAT YOU CALL SLICK  
GREW UP IN THE COUNTRY  
BUT, DON'T CALL ME NO HICK  
I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE THIN  
AND I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE THICK

SO, YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS  
CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS

WELL, I'VE BEEN IN THE BATTLES  
TAKEN MY LICKS  
HAD LOTS OF PARTIES  
HAD ALL THE KICKS  
I'M NOT OFTEN WELL  
BUT, I AIN'T NEVER BEEN SICK

NO, YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS  
CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS

SEEMS LIKE EVERYBODY KNOWS HOW THINGS SHOULD BE  
THEY'VE ALL GOT THEIR STORIES THEY CAN'T WAIT TO TELL

I'VE GOT MY OWN WAY OF BEING WHO I WANNA BE  
I CAN'T LIVE MY LIFE FOR NO ONE ELSE  
I KEEP MY MIND WIDE OPEN  
TO WHAT YOU GOTTA SAY  
I AIN'T ALWAYS RIGHT  
BUT, I KNOW WHEN YOU'RE WRONG  
'CAUSE I'VE BEEN DOING THIS TOO DOGGONE LONG  
YOU CAN SING IT IF YOU WANNA  
BUT, IT'S STILL MY DOGGONE SONG

TAG ON OUT:  
NO, YOU CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS  
CAN'T TEACH AN OLD DOG NEW TRICKS