

# I've Been Down That Road Before

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Now friends if you'll just listen to me  
You'll get some good hard earned advice  
I don't aim to meddle in your business  
I'm just trying to save ya an awful price

You see these teeth that I ain't got  
And these knots on my bald head  
I'll guaranty you boys I didn't get um'  
There a lyin' home in bed

Now take the smart-Aleck in any town  
Of him folks want no part  
He acts like his head was only  
Made to hold his ears apart

Now he might not like what I'm bout to say  
And my words might make him sore  
But I'm just trying to be helpful  
'Cause I been down that road before

To bully folks and play mean tricks  
Was once my pride and joy  
Till one day I was toted home  
And mama didn't know her little boy

My head was swelled up so doggone big  
I couldn't get it through my front door  
Now I ain't just talkin' ta hear myself  
I been down that road before

A little fella about my size  
Got tired of bein' pushed about  
So he went to work and when he got through  
He'd knocked everyone of my teeth out

One time too many I rubbed him wrong  
And he evened up the score  
Now that's what happens when you get too big for your britches  
I been down that road before

Now when you get to thinking your really smart  
There's somebody smarter then you  
And no matter how much you boast and brag  
You can still learn a thing or two

Go get you some treatments just like I've had  
And you won't hanker for more  
I've really learned the meaning of living and loving  
'Cause I've been down that road before

Now the man that walks this rocky road  
Usually gets just what he deserves  
But he's just a helpless servant  
To a master that he servers

Now I've learned to slow my temper down  
And not to pick no scraps no more

Boys its a lot easier on the head and the eyes  
'Cause I've been down that road before