

# Old Doc Brown

Johnny Cash

He was just an old country doctor  
In a little country town  
Fame and fortune had passed him by  
Though we never saw him frown

As day by day in his kindly way  
He'd serve us one and all  
Many a patient forgot to pay  
Although Doc's fees were small

Though he needed his dimes and there were  
Times that he'd receive a fee  
He'd pass it onto some poor soul  
That needed it worse than he

He had to sell his furniture  
Couldn't pay his office rent  
So to a dusty room over a livery stable  
Doc Brown and his satchel went

And on the hitchin' post at the kerb below  
To advertise his wares  
He nailed a little sign that read  
"Doc Brown has moved upstairs"

And one day he didn't answer  
When they knocked upon his door  
Old Doc Brown was layin' down  
But his soul was no more

They found him there in that old black suit  
On his face was a smile of content  
But all the money they could find on him  
Was a quarter and a copper cent

So they opened up his ledger  
And what they saw gave their hearts a pull  
Beside each debtor's name old Doc  
Had write these words, "Paid in full"

Old Doc should had  
A funeral fine enough for a king  
It's a ghastly joke our town was broke  
And no one could give a thing

'Cept Jones an undertaker  
He did mighty well  
Donated an old iron casket  
He had never been able to sell

And the funeral procession  
It wasn't much for grace and pomp and the style  
But those wagon loads of mourners  
They stretched out for more than a mile

We wanted to give him a monument  
We kinda figured we owed him one

'Cause he made our town a better place  
For all the good he'd done

We pulled up that old hitchin' post  
Where Doc had nailed a sign  
We'd painted it white and to all of us  
It certainly did look fine

Now the rains and the snows  
Have washed away our white trimmin's of paint  
There ain't nothin' left but Doc's own sign  
And that's gettin' pretty faint

But you can still see that old hitchin' post  
As if in answer to our prayers  
Mutually tellin' the whole wide world  
Doc Brown has moved upstairs