

Evolution

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Well, once I was a stone, many years ago
Into a pool was thrown, many years ago
Time went by and the pool ran dry
Excavated was I, and tempered and beat in the fiery heat
By the hand of a man, whose name was Dan, Dan the blacksmith

Well once I was a sword, many years ago
And my blade was broad, many years ago
Wore it with pride, and into battle I'd ride, on a warrior side
And cut my tail, their was loss of my tail
And soon did rust, corrode to dust, oh my

Well once I was a daisy, many years ago
In pastures green and lazy, many years ago
But I was met by a goat who fell in a moat
And forgetting to float he sunk like a lead and stayed until dead
And was relieved to find just how kind it all was

Well once I was a grub, many years ago
And I lived among that mud , many years ago
But I'm a reckless mood, and I gave it a Coo
That was it with a prune, and when the good Lord was done
I walked with the sun, I shed my skins
And tried my wings and flew away

Well, once I was a bullfrog, had to struggle for survival
And once I was a carp and lived in waters on the meadow
And once I was a mynah bird, quoting verses from the Bible
I said pretty boy, pretty boy, Saint Luke

Well once I was a mule, many years ago
And my master treat me cruel, many years ago
By by was sick, so I moved to a kick,
So I took out a stick , laid it back across my back
To an almighty crack to my dismay
I cast away into the blue

Then I was born a human baby, many years ago
I remember I was born unto a lady, many years ago
All our hopes were piled on the back of a child
Who turned out to be wild, sent the devil a prayer
Caused the parson to swear so I took my leave
To lie and thief, on my way to jail

Well, I've been a tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor
Known good times and disaster
But now I have a teacher and my teacher has a master
And the master is perfection, so he'll help us get there faster
Don't need no proof, 'cause that's the truth, and I'll drink to that!