

Back When the Old Homeplace Was New

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Well the children come back to see the old homeplace
They don't see a thing that they like
The old well out back with its cool clear water don't fit into
their style of life
The old gravel road that leads to the old homeplace gets dust o
n their new shiny cars
Well they didn't complain about nothing to do back when the old
homeplace was new
Back when the old homeplace was new there was plenty to see and
to do
But they can't remember and I ain't gonna tell 'em
Back when the old homeplace was new

There's an old swimming hole about a half mile away
An old tire still swings from a tree
I've got an old jar full of lightening and bugs and a dogfishin
' weren't just today
They can't get on line from my old telephone and I ain't got no
cable TV
Oh we used to tell stories and some of them true
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Well the toys they treasured are stashed in the attic except fo
r a rusty old bike
There's a big ball of string in a drawer in the kitchen
They used to use flying their kites
There's a battered old can out there by the toolshed
An old can that they used to kick
They sit on the porch and they stare down the driveway
They just can't see living like this
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