

## **Billy Walker**

### **"This Ole House"**

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(Stuart Hamblen)

This ole house once I knew my children  
This ole house once I knew my wife  
This ole house was joy and comfort  
As we fought the storms of life.

This ole house once rang with laughter  
This ole house heard many a shouts  
Now she trembles in the darkness  
When the lightnin' walks about.

Ain't a gonna need this house no longer  
Ain't a gonna need this house no more  
Ain't got time to fix the shingles  
Ain't got time to fix the floor.

Ain't got time to oil the hinges  
Nor to mingle the window panes  
Ain't gonna need this house no longer  
I'm a gettin' ready to meet the saints.

This ole house is a gettin' shaky  
This ole house is gettin' old  
This ole house lets in the rain  
This ole house lets in the cold.

On my knees are gettin' chilly  
But I feel no fear or pain  
'Cause I can see an angel peekin' through  
A broken window pane.

Ain't a gonna need this house no longer  
Ain't a gonna need this house no more  
Ain't got time to fix the shingles  
Ain't got time to fix the floor.

--- Instrumental ---

My old hound dog lies a sleepin'  
He don't know I'm gonna leave

Else he'd wake up by the fireplace  
And he'd sit there and howl and grieve.

But my huntin' days are over  
Ain't gonna hunt the coon no more  
Gabriel done brought in my chariot  
When the wind blew down the door.

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