

## Dolly Parton "Party"

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As we were dressing to go out our little girl and boy  
Came in and asked if they could go this time  
We told them little girls and boys don't belong at  
parties  
And that they should be in bed asleep by nine  
The babysitter came in then and we kissed the kids  
goodbye  
And told them that we'd be home soon and told them  
not to cry

Then we left for the party like we'd so often done  
Thinking only of ourselves and not our little ones  
The party started out wild and it grew wilder as the  
night wore on  
With drinking laughing telling dirty jokes nobody  
thinkin' of home  
Then the strangest feeling came over me and it chilled  
me to the bones  
And I told my wife that we'd better leave the party  
Cause I felt that we were needed at home  
As we rode along I got to thinking of how the kids that  
morning  
Had asked if we would take them to church the next  
day

And how I'd put 'em off like I'd so often done  
By saying we'd probably get home too late  
Then my thoughts were interrupted by the sound of  
sirens  
As they cut through the still night air  
Then we turned down our street that's when we saw the  
fire  
The rest was like a nightmare  
We took their little bodies to church the next day  
Though we'd left the party early we still got home too  
late

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