

Bobby Bare

"If There's Not A Hell"

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Farmer Jones ran short on seeds so he borrowed from
his neighbor Sam
The fall brought Jones a flourishin' crop while his
neighbor's all burned brown
Sam had a wife and thirteen kids he worked to feed
each day
With hungry pride he begged for help and he was
turned away
He was forced to sell his farm for half its worth
To this man he thought a friend to be if there's not a
hell there ought to be
Mary Ann was sweet sixteen never had been around
A child as pure as a mountain stream that ran through
her hometown
Then happened by the slick Tom Shark in his hand she
was clay
She got caught and faced the shame and he laughed
and went his way
Now no one knows where she's at her folks sent her
away
If there's not a hell there ought to be
Widow Brown worked since Joe died and tried to save
her pay
To give nine children beans and bread and pretty ties
on Sunday
She got sick and slipped behind the rent she had to
meet
They told her they were sorry and they kicked her out in
the street
And that same day they came and took her kids away
If there's not a hell there ought to be
Young Billy Brown he took a trip to keep his country
free
We're all proud of what he done for the good old USA
But somewhere there's a mighty big man who kept this
a goin' on
The personal game wealth and fame they did their
league all wrong
All wrapped up in the stars and stripes Bill came home
one day
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