

## Gaither Drake

### "This Old House"

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This old house once knew my children  
This old house once knew my wife  
This old house was home and shelter as we fought the  
storms of life  
This old house once rang with laughter  
This old house heard many shouts  
Now she trembles in the darkness when the lightnin'  
walks about

Ain't gonna need this house no longer  
Ain't 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 mend the window pane  
Ain't gonna need this house no longer  
I'm getting ready to meet the saints

This old house is getting shaky  
This old house is getting old  
This old house lets in the rain and  
This old house lets in the cold  
On my knees I'm getting chilly  
But I feel no fear or pain  
'Cause I see an angel peeking through  
A broken window pane

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Now my old hound dog lies asleeping  
He don't know I'm gonna leave  
Else he'd wake up by the fireplace  
And he'd sit there, howl and grieve  
But my hunting days are over

I aint gonna hunt the 'coon no more  
Gabriel done brought in chariot  
When the wind blew down the door

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