Hank Williams
"I've Been Down That Road Before"

Now friends if you'll just listen to me
You'll get some good hard earned advice
I don't aim to meddle in your business
I'm just trying to save ya an awful price

You see these teeth that I ain't got
And these knots on my bald head
I'll guaranty you boys I didn't get um'
There a lyin' home in bed

Now take the smart-Aleck in any town
Of him folks want no part
He acts like his head was only
Made to hold his ears apart

Now he might not like what I'm bout to say
And my words might make him sore
But I'm just trying to be helpful
'Cause I been down that road before

To bully folks and play mean tricks
Was once my pride and joy
Till one day I was toted home
And mama didn't know her little boy

My head was swelled up so doggone big
I couldn't get it through my front door
Now I ain't just talkin' ta hear myself
I been down that road before

A little fella about my size
Got tired of bein' pushed about
So he went to work and when he got through
He'd knocked everyone of my teeth out

One time too many I rubbed him wrong
And he evened up the score
Now that's what happens when you get too big for your
britches
I been down that road before

Now when you get to thinking your really smart

There's somebody smarter then you
And no matter how much you boast and brag
You can still learn a thing or two

Go get you some treatments just like I've had
And you won't hanker for more
I've really learned the meaning of living and loving
'Cause I've been down that road before

Now the man that walks this rocky road
Usually gets just what he deserves
But he's just a helpless servant
To a master that he servers

Now I've learned to slow my temper down
And not to pick no scraps no more
Boys its a lot easier on the head and the eyes
'Cause I've been down that road before

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