

## Cal Smith

# "I Just Came Home To Count The Memories"

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I saw roses choking in the grass  
Flaking paint a broken windowpane  
A mailbox barely standing by the  
driveway  
I can almost see the name  
A swing set and forgotten toys  
Where little boys and girls played happy games  
Everything I gave a damn about is gone  
But all the memories still remain

The old man from the house across the street  
Asked how it's going and I said fine  
The expression on his face would make me think  
That he could almost read my mind  
That Johnson boy from down the road was asking if  
The kids could come and play  
Lord, I wish I could have told him yes, but I  
Just said I guess son, not today

I just came home to count the memories  
That I've been counting in my mind  
I just came home to count the memories  
Of a better day and time

The birds that sang their pretty songs  
Aren't singing like they did when you  
were here  
Cause there's no  
happiness in music  
If somebody isn't close enough to hear  
I picked a ragged daisy from its home  
Out in the corner of the yard  
She loves me, she loves me not  
Now I don't have to wonder anymore

I just came home to count the memories  
That I've been counting in my mind  
I just came home to count the memories  
I guess it's time to say goodbye

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