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Johnny Burnette "The Caretaker"

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I live in the cemetery ol' caretaker they call me In the wintertime I rake the leaves and in the summer I cut the weeds

When a funeral comes the people cry and pray They bury their dead and they all go away But through their grief I still can see their hate and greed and jealousy

So here I work and I somehow hide from a world that rushes by outside

And each night when I rest my head I'm contented as the peaceful death

But who's gonna cry when old John dies who's gonna cry when old John dies

Once I was a young man dashing with the girls Now no one wants an old man I lost my handsome curls But I wanna say when my time comes lay me facing the rising sun

Put me in the corner where where I buried my pup Tell the preacher to pray then cover me up Don't lay flowers where my head should be maybe God let some grow for me

And all the little children that I love like my own Will they be sorry that old John's gone Who's gonna cry when old John dies who's gonna cry when old John dies

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