

# Johnny Cash

## "Grandfather's Clock"

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Way down South, down a long dusty road  
There's an old round shackled house that nobody lives  
in anymore  
And if you walk down the hall and look  
You'll see an old grandfather's clock that don't run  
anymore  
It's silent now and it's covered up with spider webs  
That was my grandfather's clock and this song is a  
story of that clock

My grandfather's clock was too large for the shelf  
So it stood ninety years on the floor  
It was taller by half than the old man himself  
Though it weighed not a pennyweight more

It was bought on the morn of the day that he was born  
And was always his treasure and pride  
And it stopped short, never to go again  
When the old man died

My grandfather said that of those he could hire  
Not a servant so faithful he found  
For it wasted no time and it had but one desire  
At the close of the week to be wound

And it kept in its place, not a frown upon its face  
And its hands never hung by its side  
But it stopped short, never to go again  
When the old man died

Ninety years without slumbering, tick, tock, tick, tock  
It's life seconds numbering, tick tock, tick, tock  
It stopped short, never to go again  
When the old man died

Well, it rang an alarm in the still of the night  
An alarm that for years had been dumb  
And we knew that his spirit was pluming for flight  
That his hour for departure had come

Still the clock kept its time with a soft and muffled  
chime

As we silently stood by his side  
And it stopped short, never to go again  
When the old man died

Ninety years without slumbering, tick, tock, tick, tock  
It's life seconds numbering, tick tock, tick, tock  
And it stopped short, never to go again  
When the old man died

And I've been thinking if someday  
I'm going down to my grandfather's old house  
And I'm gon' take that old clock and I'm gon' shine it up  
And I'm gon' to oil it up good and get it fixed up pretty  
And it'll keep time for me just like it did for my  
grandfather

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