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Johnny Cash "Old Shep"

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When I was a lad and old Shep was a pup Over hills and meadows we'd play Just a boy and his dog we were both full of fun We grew up together that way

I remember the time at the old swimming hole When I would have drowned beyond doubt But old Shep was right there to the rescue he came He jumped in and helped pull me out

Now, the years they rolled by and old Shep he grew old His eye sight at last it grew dim Then one day the doctor looked at him And said, I can't do no more for him Jim

With a hand that was trembling, I picked up my gun And I aimed it at Shep's faithful head But I just couldn't do it I wanted to run I wished they would shoot me instead

Now, old Shep is gone where the good doggies go And no more on this earth will he roam But if dogs have a Heaven there's one thing I know Old Shep has a wonderful home

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