

**Porter Kalan****"I've Been Down That Road Before"**

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

You see these teeth that I ain't got and these knots on  
my bald head  
I'll guarantee you boys I didn't get them there a lyin'  
home in the bed  
Now take the smart alec in any town of him folks want  
no part  
'Cause he acts like his head was only made to hold his  
ears apart.

Now he might act like what I'm bout to say  
And my words would prob'ly make him sore  
But I'm just tryin' to be helpful cause I've 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 hardly  
know her little boy.

My head was swelled up so doggone big I couldn't get  
it through my front door  
Now I'm not just talkin' to hear myself I've been down  
that road before  
A little fellow about my size got tired of being puched  
about  
So he went to work and when he got thru  
He'd knocked every one of my teeth out.

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

Now when you get to thinkin' you're really smart  
There's somebody smarter than 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 meanin' of livin' and lovin'  
Cause I've been down that road before.

Now the man that walks this rocky road usually gets  
just what he deserves  
Cause he's just a helpless servant to a master that he  
serves  
Now I've learned to slow my temper down  
And not to pick no scraps no more  
Boys it's a lot easier on the head and eyes  
'Cause I've been down that road before...

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