

**Statler Brothers****"Things"**

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(Lew DeWitt)

Things just aren't the way they used to be  
Things I thought I remembered well look different now  
to me  
For adult eyes can sure surprise a childhood memory  
No things just ain't the way they used to be.

The windows at the school don't seem as tall  
As I remember neither do the fountains in the hall  
And that fifth grade teacher really wasn't terrible at all  
No things just ain't the way they used to be.

The playground doesn't seem as big somehow  
And I could put a ball right through the office window  
now  
And I know now why chewin' gum in school was not  
allowed  
No things just ain't the way they used to be.

Butch Carter used to keep us kids afraid  
He'd bust the lip of any kid who dared get in his way  
I wish old Butch were standin' here in front of me today  
'Cause things just ain't the way they used to be.

I wish I could have grown into the man  
That I pictured as a child and fill those childhood plans  
I'd do it right if only I could live my life again  
But things just ain't the way they used to be.

Forbidden now these unfamiliar streets  
Places mamma told me I should never set my feet  
Well, today I know exactly where those streets and  
alleys lead  
'Cause things just ain't the way they used to be.

Buck Painter is no longer unemployed  
Uncle Dick has simmered down with age and rarely  
gets annoyed  
And now I see Butch Carters' gone to workin' for the  
Lord

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