

Merle Haggard

"Old Doc Brown"

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(Red Foley)

(Spoken)

Let me tell you bout a song called Doc Brown
And it needs no introduction

(Sang)

He was just an old country doctor in a little Kentucky town
Fame and fortune had passed him by though we never saw him frown
As day by day in his kindly way he'd serve us one and all
Many a patient forgot to pay although Doc's fees were small.

Though he needed his dimes and there were times that he'd receive a fee
He'd pass it onto some poor soul that needed it more than he
He had to sell his furniture cause he couldn't pay his office rent
So to a dusty room over a livery stable Doc Brown and his satchel went.

And on the hitchin' post at the kerb below to advertise his wares
He nailed a little sign that read Doc Brown has moved upstairs
Then one day he didn't answer when they knocked upon his door
Old Doc Brown was layin' down but his soul was no more.

They found him there in that old black suit on his face was a smile of content
But all the money they could find on him was just a quarter and a copper cent
So they opened up his ledger and what they saw gave their hearts a pull
For beside each debtor's name old Doc had write these

words Paid In Full.

Old Doc should had a funeral fine enough for king
It was a ghastly joke our town was broke and no one
could give a thing
Ah cept to ole Curly Jones an undertaker he did mighty
well
Donated an old iron casket he had never been able to
sell.

And that funeral procession well it wadn't much for
grace and pomp and
the style
But those wagon loads of mourners they stretched out
for more than a mile
We wanted to give him a monument we kinda figured
we owed him one
Cause he made our town a better place for all the good
he'd done.

So we pulled up that old hitchin' post where Doc had
nailed a sign
We painted it white and to all of us it certainly did look
fine
Now the rains and the snows have washed away our
white trimmin's of paint
There ain't nothin' left but Doc's own sign and that's
gettin' kinda faint.

But you can still see that old hitchin' post as if in
answer to our prayers
Mutually tellin' the whole wide world Doc Brown has
moved upstairs...

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