

## **Doe John**

# **"The Meanest Man In the World"**

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The wide wide open sky  
Above the sage and the thorns  
The rocks and pines were humming an old familiar  
tune

His hard black boots came crunching up this gravel  
road  
He saw the house a mile away  
The moon was just setting

The nights were darker then  
Lights in the living room  
He could recall that the tv was on  
But not if anyone was watching

He never thought of himself as cruel  
He never thought of himself at all  
Kindness was always outside his grasp  
He was the meanest man in the world  
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The door wasn't really locked  
The fire place was burning  
The room exploded like a bomb  
But all in slow motion

Icicles hung from the roof  
He remember someone weeping  
Though it was sticky on the road  
He just kept on walking

He never closed a door  
He never turned off a light  
He left things pretty much the way they were  
After he did what he did that night

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