

## Porter Wagoner "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 pushed about  
So he went to work and when he got through  
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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