

## **Tom T. Hall**

# **"Back When The Old Homeplace Was New"**

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Well, the children come back to see the old homeplace  
They don't see a thing that they like  
The old well out back with its cool clear water  
Don't fit into their style of life

The old gravel road that leads to the old homeplace  
Gets dust on their new shiny cars  
Well, they didn't complain about nothing to do  
Back when the old homeplace was new

Back when the old homeplace was new  
There was plenty to see and to do  
But they can't remember and I ain't gonna tell 'em  
Back when the old homeplace was new

There's an old swimming hole about a half mile away  
An' old tire still swings from a tree  
I've got an old jar full of lightening and bugs  
And a dogfishin' weren't just today

They can't get on line from my old telephone  
And I ain't got no cable TV  
Oh, we used to tell stories and some of them true  
Back when the old homepplace was new

Back when the old homeplace was new  
There was plenty to see and to do  
But they can't remember and I ain't gonna tell 'em  
Back when the old homeplace was new

Well, the toys they treasured are stashed in the attic  
Except for a rusty old bike  
There's a big ball of string in a drawer in the kitchen  
They used to use flying their kites

There's a battered old can out there by the toolshed  
An old can that they used to kick  
They sit on the porch and they stare down the driveway  
They just can't see living like this

Back when the old homeplace was new  
There was plenty to see and to do

But they can't remember and I ain't gonna tell 'em  
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