

## Townes Van Zandt "No Deal"

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Well no deal, you can't sell that stuff to me  
Ah no deal, I'm going back to Tennessee

Now this man down at the used car lot  
Tried to sell me four wheels and a trunk  
I said, "But man, there is no engine!"  
He said, "The engine's just a bunch of junk"

"You don't need no engine to go downhill  
And I could plainly see  
That that's the direction you're headed in"  
And he handed me the keys

And I said no deal, you can't sell that stuff to me  
Ah, no deal, I'm going back to Tennessee

Well, I went to a doctor of the highest order  
He said I couldn't have a drink for a year  
One glass of wine on my birthday  
If my birthday wasn't too very near

Lord, he must have put me in a state of shock  
'Cause I made it for about two weeks  
And then he sent me a bill that knocked me flat off the  
wagon  
And back down on my feet

And I said no deal, you can't sell that stuff to me  
Ah, no deal, I'm going back to Tennessee

Well when true love knocked upon my door  
She just barely turned fifteen  
And I was a little bit nervous  
If you know just what I mean

But I'd heard somewhere that true love conquers all  
And I figured that was that  
Then I started having dreams 'bout being chased out  
of town  
Wearing nothing but my cowboy hat

And I said no deal, you can't sell that stuff to me

Ah, no deal, I'm going back to Tennessee

Well, I come through this life a stumbler, my friends  
I expect to die that way  
Oh it could be twenty years from now  
Could be most any day

But if there is no whiskey and women, Lord  
Behind them heavenly doors  
I'm gonna take my chances down below  
And of that you can be sure

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