

Eli, The Lumber Song

Said a friend to a friend one day:
I was a man who passed away
St. Peter met him at the gate
Pete said: "Walk with me if you will
I'll take you to the house you built"
Man said: "I can't wait!"

Passed a mansion made of stone
But with each new house he's shown
They get smaller by degrees
Stopped in front of a two-room shack
Pete said: "Hope you're happy with that"
Man said: "How can this be?"
Pete say:

"That's all the lumber, that's all the lumber
That's all the lumber you sent
Looks like the Builder - man, He's got your number
That's all the lumber you sent"

Man didn't know what to say
The poor guy was blown away
Said: "You mean this is what I deserve?"
Pete said: "I'm afraid it's so
It's too late but now you know
Shoulda done better work"

Said: "You mean not lie and cheat
And helpin' old ladies across the street?"
Pete says: "Well, that's a start
Remember that man back in that great big house?
He found out early what it's all about
Built that place with his heart - as for you

What if that man was me
And I failed that miserably
You're showin' me things I don't wanna see!

"St. Peter if you can
Send me back to Earth again
Is that somethin' you can do?"
Pete said: "It ain't up to me
If it was I'd like to see
How you plan to improve"

Said "I'd love God and fellow man
Take a wife and make a stand
Be the givin'est guy I can be
And when I get back to this neighborhood
There'd be a gigantic pile o' wood!
And I'd say: 'What's this I see?' - and you tell me

That's all the lumber - all that's your lumber
That's all the lumber you sent
Big Boss'll help you hammer it all together
That's all the lumber you sent"