

# Porter Wagoner, I've Been Down That Road Before

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 puched about  
So he went to work and when he got thru 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 up scraps no more  
Boys it's a lot easier on the head and eyes cause I've been down that road before