

NO WAY HOME [12-99]

**Those grand old Ozark Highlands,
Fond memories...long ago.
They tug upon my heartstrings,
To strum them soft and low.**

**The melody is pure and sweet,
So gentle on my mind.
I hearken back to home and friends,
A far off place and time.**

**I'm there with Mom and Dad again,
With Salle by my side.
With dear friends Don and Larry Jean,
Their love was ne'er denied.**

**I chose to leave them long ago;
Into the world I went,
To seek my fame and fortune,
But, it was a life ill spent.**

**And now, this old man has returned,
Fil'd full with sad regret.
The facts I now must face straight up,
The die's been long cast, set.**

**For it is true, we can't go home,
We can't go back in time.
Why did I go; why did I leave,
My home, my friends...behind?**

**So, here I stand in my hometown,
An old child drained of joy.
A'knowin' that I can't go back,
To when I was a boy.**

**I stare into the life I've wrought,
The ending and the start.
And to the Rock of Ages now,
I turn with broken heart.**

**The melody is pure and sweet,
So gentle on my mind.
I hearken back to home and friends,
Another place and time.**

**Those grand old Ozark Highlands,
Await at heaven's door.
'tis there I'll find my home and friends,
And I will yearn no more.**