

I've Heard That Beat Before

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The neighborhood's really goin' down
Since the couple upstairs arrived back in town
Ain't never seen what they both look like
But I sure can hear them when they start to fight
They go at it
He shouts at her, she shouts back
He slams a door, she starts to pack
Ya' know I can't help thinkin'
Starts me thinkin'
Yeah, I can't help thinkin'
Ya' know, I've heard that beat before
I've heard that beat before

And when he goes out to get drunk with friends
There's a record she plays over and over again
It reverberates and the bass and boom
And the windows shake in my bathroom
Oh, starts me thinkin' of the life I had
Before the good times turned to bad
And my heart starts thinkin'
When the floor starts shakin'
Yeah, there ain't no mistakin'
The beat I've heard before
I've heard that beat before

What can I say, what can I do?
Like me and you, it's a deja vu
Those memories keep reappearing
Another day, another hour
Another brog, another fight
Can't stand what I'm hearing
I've heard it all before
Yeah, I've heard that beat before
C'mon
Alright

Then one night it's a new flashback
Sound of a different pitter pat
A new song playin' in an upbeat tone
And sounds of laughter when they get home
Oh, must be new love goin' on in that bed
Before the same old habit raises it's head
As the mood starts changin'
And the fights start ragin'
I just sit here waitin'
'Cause I've heard that beat before
I've heard that beat before
Yeah, I've heard that beat before
Yes I have
I've heard that beat before

Yeah, I've heard it before
Yeah, I've heard that beat before