## **Billy Got Some Bad News Today**

**Tom Paxton** 

Billy got some bad news today Billy hardly knew what to say He went to the doctor Doctor turned away Billy got some bad news today Billy's friends are gatherin' 'round This is when the chips come down He didn't have to ask He didn't make a sound Billy's friends are gatherin' 'round Billy is a friend of mine We were kids together Playing games of our design In Michigan weather We were boys becoming men We were different somehow Well, it never mattered then And it doesn't matter now Billy is a strong, strong man He never was the kind who ran He can handle this If anybody can 'Cause Billy's a strong, strong man Billy is a friend of mine We were kids together Playin' games of our design In Michigan weather We were boys becoming men We were different somehow Well, it never mattered then And it doesn't matter now Billy got some bad news today Billy hardly knew what to say He went to the doctor Doctor turned away Billy got some bad news today Oh, he went to the doctor Doctor turned away Billy got some bad news today