

## Papa's Medicine Show

**Bobbie Gentry**

It doesn't seem so long ago when papa had his medicine show  
All the family had a part, I still know them all by heart  
Everywhere we traveled we sang that little song  
Just sold enough linament to barely get along

One bottle, two bottle, three bottle, four  
Mama looks twenty but she's really eighty four  
Look at poppa fiddle, just listen to him play  
Had a touch of rhuematism just the other day  
Then he threw away his water bottle, put away his pills  
Aunt Perdy's linament cured all his ills

One year in Oklahoma pop was gettin' old  
There wasn't much demand for medicine shows  
I still can hear us singing to a dwindiling crowd that spring  
We didn't know that it would be the last time we would sing

One bottle, two bottle, buy it by the quart  
Uncle John used it on his foot and cured a wart  
All you people sitting here in the front row  
Don't you want to try it it'll cure a sore toe  
If you throw away your water bottle, put away your pills  
Aunt Perdy's linament'll cure all your ills

Papa started ailing and passed away that fall  
We all had to pick cotton to pay the funeral hall  
I never got much schoolin', but I learned one thing for sure  
There are things in this old life Aunt Perdy's couldn't cure

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