

The Way It Goes

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Becky Johnson bought the farm
Put a needle in her arm
That's the way that it goes
That's the way

And her brother laid her down
in the cold Kentucky ground
That's the way that it goes
That's the way

That's the way that it goes
Everybody's buyin little baby clothes
That's the way that it ends
Though there was a time when she and i were friends

Well Miranda ran away
Took a cat and left L.A.
That's the way that it goes
That's the way
She was busted broke and flat
And had to sell that pussy-cat
That's the way that it goes
That's the way

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Everybody's buying little baby clothes
That's the way that it ends
Though there was a time when he and i were friends

See the brightest ones of all
Early in October fall
That's the way that it goes
That's the way
While the dark ones go to bed
With good whiskey in their heads
That's the way that it goes
That's the way

Now Billy Joe's back in the tank
You tell Russo i'll tell Frank
That's the way that it goes
That's the way
Did he throw her down a well
Did she leave him for that swell
That's the way that it goes
That's the way

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Though there was a time when all of us were friends

When you lay me down to rest
Leave a pistol in my vest
That's the way that it goes
That's the way
do you miss my gentle touch

did i hurt you very much
That's the way that it goes
That's the way

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