Old Doc Brown

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Let me tell you bout a song called Doc Brown
And it needs no introduction

He was just an old country doctor in a little Kentucky town
Fame and fortune had passed him by though we never saw him frow
n
As day by day in his kindly way he'd serve us one and all
Many a patient forgot to pay although Doc's fees were small
Though he needed his dimes and there were times that he'd recei
ve a fee
He'd pass it onto some poor soul that needed it more than he
He had to sell his furniture cause he couldn't pay his office r
ent
So to a dusty room over a livery stable Doc Brown and his satch
el went
And on the hitchin' post at the kerb below to advertise his war
es
He nailed a little sign that read Doc Brown has moved upstairs
Then one day he didn't answer when they knocked upon his door
Old Doc Brown was layin' down but his soul was no more
They found him there in that old black suit on his face was a s
mile of content
But all the money they could find on him was just a quarter and
 a copper cent
So they opened up his ledger and what they saw gave their heart
s a pull
For beside each debtor's name old Doc had write these words Pai
d In Full
Old Doc should had a funeral fine enough for king
It was a ghastly joke our town was broke and no one could give
a thing
Ah cept to ole Curly Jones an undertaker he did mighty well
Donated an old iron casket he had never been able to sell
And that funeral procession well it wadn't much for grace and p
omp and the style
But those wagon loads of mourners they stretched out for more t
han a mile
We wanted to give him a monument we kinda figured we owed him o
ne
Cause he made our town a better place for all the good he'd don
e
So we pulled up that old hitchin' post where Doc had nailed a s
ign
We painted it white and to all of us it certainly did look fine
Now the rains and the snows have washed away our white trimmin'
s of paint
There ain't nothin' left but Doc's own sign and that's gettin'
kinda faint

But you can still see that old hitchin' post as if in answer to our prayers
Mutually tellin' the whole wide world Doc Brown has moved upstairs

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