

# You Think You Know Somebody

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You think you know somebody  
You think they know you  
You think you know somebody  
But man you never do

Jackie used to live three blocks away from me  
We used to throw the baseball  
And we'd climb his old oak tree  
You know we would sneak his old man's cigarettes  
Behind the picket fence  
We swore that we would always be best of friends

We used to sit out on the curb  
And talk on summer nights  
Until Jackie's dad would call him  
And he took off like a light  
The Friday nights were all the same  
Our high school senior year  
We hung out at the river  
Drank black label beer

And we would listen to the Stones  
With all of our old friends  
Maybe sneak a toko or two  
Down where the river bends  
Well I remember how I said

I'd drive him home on Friday night  
Well he said go on without out me  
Buddy I'll be all right  
We went off to college  
Start our freshman year  
Well I went off to school  
About an hour away from here

But you know Jackie he took off  
Went to college out of state  
He used to call me all the time  
He used to tell me it was great  
He said I'm coming home for Christmas

And I hope you'll do the same  
Well he'd say that he was coming  
But Jackie never came  
Ah, you think you know somebody  
You think they know you  
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Well the night that he got married  
Well I was his best man  
He's moved back to town  
And now we're neighbors again

I've since found myself a wife  
So now I'm married too  
Our families get together

Every Sunday afternoon  
His boy and my boy

They sit out and talk at night  
Until Jackie calls for his boy  
And then he takes off like a light  
Last night I saw the flashing lights  
I quickly ran outside  
A neighbor lady told me

That Jackie's youngest boy had died  
And I was shocked to see the cops  
Had Jackie handcuffed in the car