

HOW BEAUTIFUL HEAVEN MUST BE

Bluegrass Southern Gospel-Mrs. A. B. Bridgewater and A.P. Bland; **DATE:** Unknown-circa early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** Early Southern Gospel; **RECORDING INFO:** First recorded by Eva Quartet in 1927; Monroe Brothers; Uncle Dave Macon; **OTHER NAMES:** "We Read of a Place Called Heaven;" **NOTES:** Chosen by Grand Ole Opry star Uncle Dave Macon as his theme song, it was also carved on his tombstone.

G
 We read of a place that's called hea - ven, It's made for the pure and the
D G D
 free, — These truths in God's Word He hath giv - en, How beau - ti - ful hea - ven must
G Chorus C G must be A7
 be. — How beau - ti - ful hea - ven must be — Sweet home of the hap - py and
D G D G
 free, — Fair ha - ven of rest for the wear - y, How beau - ti - ful hea - ven must be. —

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G
 We read of a place that's called Heaven,
D
 It's made for the pure and the free;
G
 These truths in God's Word He hath given,
D G
 How beautiful Heaven must be.
G C G
 Chorus: How beautiful Heaven must be,
A7 D
 Sweet home of the happy and free;
G
 Fair haven of rest for the weary,
D G
 How beautiful Heaven must be.

In Heaven no drooping nor pining,
 No wishing for elsewhere to be;
 God's light is forever there shining,
 How beautiful Heaven must be. *Chorus*
 Pure waters of life there are flowing,
 And all who will drink may be free;
 Rare jewels of splendor are glowing,
 How beautiful Heaven must be. *Chorus*
 The angels so sweetly are singing,
 Up there by the beautiful sea;
 Sweet chords from their gold harps are
 ringing,
 How beautiful Heaven must be. *Chorus*

I AIN'T BROKE BUT BROTHER I'M BADLY BENT

Traditional Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Ricky Skaggs; IIIrd Time Out; Flatt and Scruggs; Delaney Brothers; The (almost) Original New South; **OTHER NAMES:** "I Ain't Broke;" **NOTES:** One of the earliest versions of "I Ain't Broke" is "The Panic Is On" by Hezekiah Jenkins who recorded it for Columbia [Co 14585-D] in 1931. The lyrics include: All the landlords done raised the rent/Folks that ain't broke is badly bent. Paul Oliver has noted that Jenkins' song was "a remodeling of an earlier theme" and therefore it is possible that the expression did not originate with him. Willie Dixon also used the expression in the chorus of his "Dead Presidents."

Well I'm go-ing back to the coun-try I can't pay the rent My mom and dad will
sure be mad, At all the mon-ey I spent Now I know just what they
meant I ain't broke, but bro-ther I'm bad - ly bent.

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G **C** **G**
Well I'm going back to the country, I can't pay the rent
C **G** **D**
My mom and dad will sure be mad, at all the money I spent
C **G** **D** **G**
Now I know just what they meant I ain't broke, but brother I'm badly bent.

Well I had a lot of money, But to the city I went
I met a lot of good-looking girls, And that's where my money went.
Now I know just where it went, I ain't broke, but brother I'm badly bent.

Well when I get back to the country, I'll be living in a tent
My mom and dad will sure be mad, At all the money I spent.
They won't understand just where it went, I ain't broke, but brother I'm badly bent.