

# WAY DOWNTOWN

Traditional Old-Time and Bluegrass Song; **DATE:** Early 1900's; **CATEGORY:** Early Country and Bluegrass Songs; **RECORDING INFO:** Uncle Dave Macon-1926; Frank Blevins and His Tar Heel Rattlers-1927; Roy Acuff "One Old Shirt" -1938; Dickel Brothers; New Lost City Ramblers Doc Watson; Tony Rice; Jody Stecher; **OTHER NAMES:** Late Last Night (When Willie Came Home); **NOTES:** "Way Downtown" or "Late Last Night When Willie Came Home" is grouped by Meade under "Ain't It Hell"-A. It's related to "Slippin' and A-Sliding with My New Shoes On," "To Love One Who Don't Love You" ("Hard Ain't It Hard" by Woody Guthrie) and includes the *Hard for to Love* songs. One of the great versions is Doc Watson with Clint Howard and Fred Price (1962).

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rapping on the door Slipping and sliding with his  
new shoes on Willie don't you rap no more.

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C G  
It was late last night when Willie came home  
D G  
I heard him rapping on the door  
C G  
Slipping and sliding with his new shoes on  
D G  
Willie don't you rap no more.

**Chorus:** Way downtown just foolin' around, Took me to the jail  
It's oh me and it's oh my, No one to go my bail

I wish I was over at my sweet Sally's house  
Sittin' in that big armed chair  
One arm around this old guitar  
And the other one around my dear. *Chorus*

Now, its one old shirt is all that I got  
And a dollar is all that I crave  
I brought nothing with me into this old world  
Ain't gonna take nothing to my grave. *Chorus*