Ode To The Little Shack Out Back Recorded by Bobby Bare

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They passed an ordinance in the town They said we'd have to tear it down That little old shack out back so dear to me Though the health department said its day was over and dead It will stand forever in my memory

Don't let them tear that little brown building down Don't let them tear that precious building down Don't let them tear that dear old building down There's not another like it in the country or the town

It was not so long ago that I went tripping through the snow Out to that house behind my old hound dog Where I would sit me down to rest like a snowbird on his nest And I'd read that Sears and Roebuck catalog

Oh I would hum a happy tune peeping through the quarter moon As my daddy's kin had done so much before It was in that quiet spot daily cares could be forgot And it gave the same relief to rich and poor repeat #2

Now it was not a castle fair but I could dream of future there Build my castle to the yellow jackets drone I could orbit round the sun fight with General Washington Or be a king upon a golden throne

It wasn't fancy built at all we had newspapers on the wall It was air-conditioned in the wintertime Oh it was just an humble hut but its door was never shut And a man could get inside without a dime repeat #2