Ode To The Little Shack Out Back Recorded by Bobby Bare Written by Billy Ed Wheeler They passed an ordinance in the town They said we'd have to tear it down D7 That little old shack out back so dear to me G Though the health department said its day was over and dead D7 It will stand forever in my memory Don't let them tear that little brown building down D7 Don't let them tear that precious building down Don't let them tear that dear old building down D7 G 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 D7 Out to that house behind my old hound dog where I would sit me down to rest like a snowbird on his nest D7 G G And I'd read that Sears and Roebuck catalog Oh I would hum a happy tune peeping through the quarter moon D7 As my daddy's kin had done so much before It was in that quiet spot daily cares could be forgot D7 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 D7 Build my castle to the yellow jackets drone I could orbit round the sun fight with General Washington D7 Or be a king upon a golden throne It wasn't fancy built at all we had newspapers on the wall D7 It was air-conditioned in the wintertime Oh it was just an humble hut but its door was never shut D7 And a man could get inside without a dime repeat #2