

## Welcome to Try

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I have been down in valley of tears  
I have stood on the highest peak  
For the best part of a week  
Battered and bruised I had pulled myself through  
Every scene I would never repeat

I have hung out with the beasts of the field  
And with them I've spent many a long nights  
Got in some awful bad fights  
I came unstuck, I was down on my luck  
And I'm still gettin' over the bites

Sounds of my own heart breaking  
Not to mention my mind  
?Nothing can hurt me? a small voice said  
Into a mike, take a hike

No one will lead me astray anymore  
You are welcome to try if you like  
Welcome to try if you like

I had been down in the valley so long  
I had almost run out of respect  
Got in right up to my neck  
Battered but wise to the truth and the lies  
That no layman would ever accept

Reachin' for all of the good things in life  
Can provide some surprises I guess  
It be may the way we are dressed  
These threads that you see mean so little to me  
They don't count when they put us to rest

Late about dusk I would start to feel  
One more day had been lost  
Nothin' I'd say ever seemed to convey  
How I felt with that I have dealt

All of my children are healthy and sane  
They may say anything that they like  
Say anything that they like

Sitting alone in the Blue Ridge Saloon  
Is no place for an angel to be  
Ladies make faces at me  
Battered but clean I had pulled my machine  
Off the road, I was too tired to see

Wearing a smile like the rim of a cup  
I will get down to my final point  
There is no one left to anoint  
And the sowing of seed was it good, yes indeed  
It thrills me but only to a point

Use your imagination  
Try every trick in the book  
My mother said with the life that I led

I'd be broke, holy smoke

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If they want to preach and are not within reach  
They may say anything that they like  
Say anything that they like