

## Be Careful of Stones That You Throw

Hank Williams

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A neighbor was passing my garden one time  
She stopped and I knew right away  
That it was gossip, not flowers, she had on her mind  
And this is what I heard my neighbor say:

"That girl down the street should be run from our midst  
She drinks and she talks quite a lot  
She knows not to speak to my child or to me."  
My neighbor then smiled and I thought:

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A car speeded by and the screamin' of brakes  
A sound that made my blood chill  
For my neighbor's one child had been pulled from the path  
And saved by a girl lying still.

The child was unhurt and my neighbor cried out:  
"Oh! who was that brave girl so sweet?"  
I covered the crushed, broken body and said:  
"The bad girl who lived down the street."

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