

# The Hard Way

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Oh, the hells I  
Put myself through  
The fights I  
Didn't need to fight  
This thick head of mine  
Ya couldn't get through  
Had to do it wrong  
Just to get it right  
...just to get it right

I learned the Hard Way  
The hard way taught me well  
The hard way  
Sure put me (this boy) through some hell  
The hard way  
Taught me how to tell  
The right way from the wrong  
And on which side I belong

Deep are the memories  
As a young boy  
Of the lessons  
That I learned  
My mama warnin' me  
That fire is no toy  
Ya play with fire boy  
And you get burned  
...Oh I got burned

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What others learned in Sunday school  
I learned by gettin' black n' blue

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