

# The Way It Goes

Gillian Welch

Becky Johnson bought the farm  
Put a needle in her arm  
That's the way that it goes  
That's the way

And her brother laid her down  
In the cold Kentucky ground  
That's the way that it goes  
That's the way

That's the way that it goes  
Everybody's buying little baby clothes  
That's the way that it ends  
Though there was a time when she and I were friends

Well, Miranda ran away  
Took her cat and left LA  
That's the way that it goes  
That's the way

She was busted, broke and flat  
Had to sell that pussy cat  
That's the way that it goes  
That's the way

That's the way that it goes  
Everybody's buying little baby clothes  
That's the way that it ends  
Though there was a time when he and I were friends

See the brightest ones of all  
Early in October fall  
That's the way that it goes  
That's the way

While the dark ones go to bed  
With good whiskey in their head  
That's the way that it goes  
That's the way

Now Billy Joe's back in the tank  
You tell Russo, I'll tell Frank  
That's the way that it goes  
That's the way

Did he throw her down a well?  
Did she leave him for that swell?  
That's the way that it goes  
That's the way

That's the way that it goes  
Everybody's buying little baby clothes  
That's the way that it ends  
Though there was a time when all of us were friends

When you lay me down to rest  
Leave a pistol in my vest  
That's the way that it goes  
That's the way

Do you miss my gentle touch?  
Did I hurt you very much?  
That's the way that it goes  
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