

# Cold, Hard, Facts of Life

## Porter Wagoner

I got back in town a day before I'd planned to  
I smiled and said, I'll sure surprise my wife  
I don't think I'll phone, I'll just head on home  
For I didn't know the cold hard facts of life I passed a little wine store on the corner  
I pictured big champagne by candle light  
I stopped the car right then got out and hurried in  
My mind not on the cold hard facts of life A stranger stood there laughing by the counter  
He said, "I'll take two bottles of your best"  
Her husband's out of town and there's a party  
He winked as if to say you know the rest I left the store two steps behind the stranger  
From there to my house his car stayed in sight  
But it wasn't till he turned into my drive that I learned  
I was witnessing the cold hard facts of life I drove around the block till I was dizzy  
Each time the noise came louder from within  
And then I saw our bottle there beside me  
And I drank a fifth of courage and walked in Lord, you should've seen their frantic faces  
They screamed and cried, please put away that knife  
I guess I'll go to hell or I'll rot here in this cell  
But who taught who the cold hard facts of life  
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