

# Be Careful of Stones That You Throw

## Porter Wagoner

A tongue can accuse and carry bad news  
The seeds of distrust it will sow  
But unless you've made no mistakes in your life  
Be careful of stones that you throw  
A neighbor was passin' my garden one day  
She stopped and I knew right away  
That gossip not flowers she had on her mind  
And this is what I heard my neighbor say  
You know that girl down who lived down the street  
She oughta be run from our midst  
She drinks and she talks quite a lot  
But she knows not to speak to my child nor to me  
My neighbor then smiled and I thought  
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A car speeded by and the screaming of brakes  
A sound that made my blood chill  
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  
That's the bad girl that lived down the street  
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