Billy

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Billy was a good friend of mine
We grew up together ever since we were nine
We went to school, he was my best friend
And I thought our friendship would never endIn high school he played football
And me, I didn't do anything at all
He made touch-downs, while I played pool
And no one could figure out which one of us was the foolThen we both went to collage
He studied medicine while I studied foliage
He got a's and I got d's
He was going for his ph.d.
Then I decided to drop out
Things were getting a little too hot
Billy stayed there, became an intern and then a doctor
Then war broke out and he had to go
But not me, I was mentally unfit, or so they say, so, soWhen he came back, he wasn't quite the same
His nerves were shot, but not me
Last time I saw him, I couldn't take it anymore
He wasn't the billy I knew, it was like talking to a doorBilly was a friend of mine
I grew up with him ever since I was nine
We went together through school
And now I often wonder, which one of us was the fool

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