

# Ashgrove

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(Blue Horn Toad Music, BMI)  
Well when I was a young boy  
I used to slip away  
Down to the ashgrove  
To hear the old blues men play  
There was Big Joe and Lightnin'  
And Reverend Gary too  
Well I'd sit and stare and dream  
Of doin' what they could do. Well it's been thirty years since the ashgrove burned down  
And I'm out on this highway travelin' town to town  
Tryin' to make a livin'  
Tryin' to pay the rent  
Tryin' to figure out where my life went.  
I wanna go back to the ashgrove  
That's where I come from  
I wanna go back to the ashgrove  
That's where I belong. Well you don't have to go searchin'  
Pretend to put on airs  
'Cause the blues are gonna find you someday, somewhere  
Now my mother's gone  
Now my father's gone  
And all the old blues men have all passed on  
And I'm out on this highway travelin' town to town  
Settin' up my gear and then I'm tearin' it down  
Turnin' up my guitar  
Standin' on the stage  
I'm just tryin' to raise the ghosts up out of their graves.  
I wanna go back to the ashgrove  
That's where I come from  
Yeah I wanna go back to the ashgrove  
That's where I belong. Well I can't say I been all sinner  
Can't say I been all saint  
I've done some good deeds and I've made big mistakes  
I been in and out of love  
Said words I regret  
I been drunk, been sober  
Smoked too many cigarettes  
And I'm out on this highway travelin' town to town  
And the news on the radio just brings me down  
Intolerance and fear  
Ignorance and lies

Itâs the same old same old I heard a million times  
And Iâm thinkinâ of friends and lovers  
And how they come and go  
Like look-alike houses on the side of the road  
Full of everyday people tryinâ to get ahead  
Tryinâ to find a reason just to get out of bed  
âCause we all need somethinâ just to get us through  
Well Iâm gonna play the blues tonight man  
âCause thatâs what I do. Iâm goinâ back to the Ashgrove  
Thatâs where I come from  
Iâm goinâ back to the Ashgrove  
Thatâs where I belong.

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