

# The Bottle Let Me Down

Merle Haggard 1966

**[I]** Each night I leave the barroom when it's over  
Not feeling any pain at closing **[V]** time  
But tonight your memory found me much to sober  
Couldn't drink enough to keep you off my **[I]** mind

Tonight the bottle            let me down  
and let your memory        come **[V]** around  
The one true friend I thought I'd found  
Tonight the bottle            let me **[I]** down

I've always had a bottle    I could turn to  
And lately I've been turning every **[V]** day  
But the wine don't take effect    the way it used to  
And I'm hurting in an old familiar **[I]** way

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and let your memory        come **[V]** around  
The one true friend I thought I'd found  
Tonight the bottle            let me **[I]** down  
**[V]** Tonight the bottle        let me **[I]** down