The Shelf Behind the Door

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1. I came to Jesus long ago, all laden down with sin, I
2. I tore it down and threw it out, and then the blessing came; But
3. So many people today are destitute of power; 'Tis
4. Some smoke and chew to bac-co, and some love their fancy dress; O-
5. That little shelf behind the door will cause you much distress; Es-
6. Your soul is dark, you surely know you have no peace with God; You
7. You need not go to foreign lands to find a house-hold god, To
8. Some hypocrites may look like saints—from men their idols hide; But

sought Him long for pardoning grace; He would not take me in. At
e'er I got the victory and felt the holy flame, Be-
plain to see they can not stand tempt-a- tion's trying hour. By
others have wronged their fel-low men, re-fusing to con-fess. They
pe-riodly about the time you think of being blest. While
daily trem-ble lest you feel the chast-en ing of His rod. The
look up-on id-ol a-try you need not go a rod, But
what a-bout the judg-ment day be-yond death's fear-ful tide? That

last I found the reason why as light came more and more; I had a shelf with
-el-ze-bub came rush-ing up and said with awful roar, "You can-not live with-
way of an a-polo-gy "my weak-ness" is their cry; 'Tis all be-cause of

won-der why they are not blest as in the days of yore; The reason why is
pleading for the vic-to-ry be-fore the Lord in prayer, How ma-ny times you
bless-ed Ho-ly Spir-it puts this quest-ion o'er and o'er: What are you going to

in this land where Gos-pel light is shin-ing all a-round, If you should look be-

hid-den spot be behind the door will be a pub-lic place Where God and men and

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an gels, too, shall ev ery i dol trace.

hind the door an i dol could be found.
do about this shelf behind the door?
think a bout the i dol s hid den there.
do a bout this shelf be hind the door?
 angels, too, shall ev ery i dol trace.

i dol s on just in be hind the door.

i dol s out a shelf right here be hind the door.”
i dol s they are us ing on the sly.
on the shelf just in be hind the door. That shelf be hind the door— don’t use it a ny

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i dol s on just in be hind the door.

more; But quick ly clean that cor ner out from ceil ing to the floor; For Je sus wants His

tem ple clean, He can not bless you more, Un less you take those i dol s out from in be hind the door.