

The Wheel On The Wagon Is Broken

As performed by
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(Organ) G

1. The wheel of the wag-on is bro - ken, and it ain't go - nna
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6 turn no more. My days on the prai-rie are o - ver, there's
13 weeds round the ranch house door. 2. There West we knew. Good -
C G D G
17 bye old faith - ful, there's a sign on the ranch, "for sale."
C G D *D.S. al Coda*
24 Good - bye old faith-ful, and it looks like the end of the trail. 3. The
G
33 turn no more.

Verse 1.

The wheel of the wagon is broken,
And it ain't gonna turn no more.
My days on the prairie are over,
There's weeds round the ranch house door.

Verse 2.

There ain't any campfire smokin',
Where we sang when the day was through.
The wheel of the wagon is broken,
And gone is the West we knew.

Chorus

Goodbye old faithful,
There's a sign on the ranch, "for sale."
Goodbye old faithful,
And it looks like the end of the trail.

Verse 3

The old gray mare is missing,
There's weeds round the ranch house door.
The wheel of the wagon is broken,
And it ain't going to turn no more.

Critical Commentary

HST notes:

In the Professional Papers series:

Mrs. Bessie Gordon, age circa 40, Schofield.

Learned it before recent popularization. "Yep. I lernt it years ago - gol darnit!"

K.G.