

**The Bottle Let Me Down**  
**Merle Haggard**

[Intro]

**A A A A A A D D**

[Verse 1]

**D**

**A**

Each night I leave the barroom when it s over, not feeling any pain at closing  
time

**A**

**D**

But tonight your memory found me much too sober; couldn t drink enough to keep  
you off my mind

[Chorus]

**D**

**A**

Tonight the bottle let me down, and let your memory come around

**A**

**D**

The one true friend I thought I d found; tonight the bottle let me down

[Solo]

**A A A A A A D D**

[Verse 2]

**D**

**A**

I ve always had a bottle I could turn to, and lately I ve been turning every day

**A**

**D**

But the wine don t take effect the way it used to, and I m hurting in an old  
familiar way

[Chorus]

**D**

**A**

Tonight the bottle let me down, and let your memory come around

**A**

**D**

The one true friend I thought I d found; tonight the bottle let me down

[Turnaround]

**A**

**D**

**D**

Tonight the bottle let me down