

(Be Careful of) Stones That You Throw
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G D
 A tongue can accuse or carry bad news
 G D
 The seeds of destruction it will sow.
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 So unless you have made no mistakes in your life
 D A D
 Be careful of stones that you throw.

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 A neighbor was passin' my garden one time
 G
 She smiled and I knew right away
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 That it was gossip not flowers that she had on her mind
 A7
 And this is what I heard my neighbor say.

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 "That bad girl down the street, she should be run from our midst.
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 She drinks and she talks quite a lot
 (D)
 She knows not to speak to my child nor to me."
 A7
 My neighbor then smiled and I thought:

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A car speeded by, the screamin' of brakes
 and a sound that made my blood chill
 For my neighbor's one child had been pulled from the path
 And saved by a girl, lyin' still.

Her child was unhurt and my neighbor cried out
 "Oh, who was that brave girl so sweet?"
 I covered the crushed broken body and said
 "That bad girl down the street."

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 The seeds of destruction were sown
 So unless you have made no mistakes in your life
 Be careful of stones that you, you throw.