

Backward Bill

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Backward Bill, Backward Bill,
He lives way up on Backward Hill.
Which is really a hole in the sandy ground
(But that's a hill turned upside down.)

Backward Bill's got a backward shack
With a big front porch that's built out back.
You walk through the window and look out the door
And the cellar is up on the very top floor.

Backward Bill rides like the wind
Don't know where he's going but sees where he's been.
His spurs go "neigh" and his horse goes "clang."
And his six-gun goes "gnab", it never goes "bang".

Backward Bill's got a backward pup.
They eat their supper when the sun comes up.
And he's got a wife named Backward Lil.
"She's my own true hate," says Backward Bill.

Backward Bill wears his hat on his toes
And puts on his underwear over his clothes.
And come every payday he pays his boss.
And rides off a-smilin' a-carryin' his hoss.