



Beyond the Valley
Blowing Rock, Western North Carolina
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So That's The World

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(After George W. Jones)

Mountain born and bred they say,
and it is from this mountain
that he has never strayed.
His home is, as it has always been,
a cove in a narrow valley.

A simple life for a simple man –
never wanting more,
never needing more,
never venturing beyond
the tree lined rim.

Then the day came when
he traveled beyond the valley
to a bluff on the other side
of the mountain.

The vastness of land
stretching out before him
caused him to exclaim,
“So that’s the world.
God almighty ain’t she a whopper!”