

## **Dixie Chicks**

# **"Aunt Mattie's Quilt"**

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Aunt Mattie bent a thousand times down the long black rows  
Then battled with the angry weeds so little seeds could grow  
Come summer Mattie pulled the snow from cruel and cutting bolls  
Round 'n round the spinning wheel beneath Aunt Mattie's boot  
She was patient pale and slender and was only eight years old  
Two winters spun out summer's threads in rich and creamy folds  
She recalled the soil and cotton seeds and summer's hopeful shoots  
And she had a bolt of cotton cloth when she turned ten years old  
If we bend and plant the seeds and tame the wicked weeds  
If we follow in the barefoot path of one persistent girl  
If we let the sun and rain assist and simplify our needs  
Indigo and lavender made up Aunt Mattie's sky  
We'll throw a healing quilt across an ever ailing world  
The hour before the day would end it fed young Mattie's dream  
Remembering her childhood days she made the rustic dye  
She made indigo and lavender when she turned just fourteen  
If we bend and plant the seeds and tame the wicked weeds  
If we let the sun and rain assist and simplify our needs  
We'll throw a healing quilt across an ever ailing world  
If we follow in the barefoot path of one persistent girl  
Aunt Mattie bends a thousand times down each patchwork row  
The valley of the shadow cannot call her from her seams  
Piece by piece and stitch by stitch in fading candle glow  
Until finishing her lifetime's work she dies at seventeen  
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If we let the sun and rain assist and simplify our needs  
We'll throw a healing quilt across an ever ailing world  
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