

## Dolly Parton

### "Smokey Mountain Memories"

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(Dolly Parton)

You oughta go north somebody told us  
'Cause the air is filled with gold dust  
And fortune falls like snow flakes in your hands  
Now I don't recall you said it  
But we'd lived so long on credit  
And so we headed out to find our promised land.

Just poor Appalachian farm folk  
With nothing more than high hopes  
We hitched our station wagon to a star  
But our dreams all fell in on us  
'Cause there was no land of promise  
And it's a struggle keepin' sight of who you are.

Oh, and these northern nights are dreary  
And my southern heart is weary  
As I wonder how the old folks are back home  
But I know that they all love me  
And they're all thinking of me  
The Smoky Mountains memories keep me strong.

You know I've been thinkin' a whole lot lately  
About what's been and what awaits me  
It takes all I've got to give what life demands  
You go insane if you give in to it  
Life's a mill and I've been through it  
I'm just thankful I'm creative with my hands.

Oh, and these northern nights are dreary  
And my southern eyes are teary  
As I wonder how the old folks are back home  
But I'll keep leanin' on my Jesus  
I know he'll love and guide and lead us  
The Smoky Mountains memories keep me strong.

I'll keep lookin' to the Father  
Keep our heads above the water  
The Smoky Mountains memories keep me strong...

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