

Dr. Hook & The Medicine Show

"The Wonderful Soup Stone"

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(Shel Silverstein)

I swear you could taste the chicken and tomatoes
And the noodles and the marrowbone
But it really wasn't nothing but some water and
potatoes
And the wonderful, wonderful soupstone

Hanging from a string in my mama's kitchen, back in
the hard time days
Was a little ol' stone 'bout the size of an apple, it was
smooth and worn and grey
There wasn't much food in my mama's kitchen, so
whenever things got tight
Mama boiled up some water, put in the stone and said
"Let's have some soup tonight"

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It had been in the family for a whole lotta years, so we
knew it was a nourishing thing
And I remember mama, as she stirred it in the water,
and we could all hear her sing
"Its a magical stone and as long as we got it, we'll
never have a hungry night
Just add a little love to the wonderful soupstone and
everything will be alright"

And I swear you could taste the chicken and tomatoes
And the noodles and the marrowbone
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So it carried us all through the darkening days, 'til
finally the sunshine came
And the soupstone started into gathering dust, but it
hung there just the same

And ever since then the food's been plenty, but every
now and then I find
That mama in the kitchen with the wonderful
soupstone, drifts across my mind

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