

## **Kate & Anna McGarrigle**

### **"Matapedia"**

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Her hair was dyed black and she was bending down  
Picking something from off the ground  
She was seventeen  
And he said, "Oh my God, it's Kate"  
She said "No, I'm the daughter of Kate  
My name is Martha, who are you?  
Ma never told me, never told me 'bout you"  
He put his big middle-aged hands upon her shoulders  
And he looked her in the eyes  
Just like a boy of nineteen would do  
And she was not afraid  
No, she was not afraid  
Once upon a time two kids in love in a car were flyin'  
Over mountains  
Trying to catch a boat that'd take 'em up river to  
Home...  
And they raced the Matapedia  
Sixty minutes sixty miles  
Thirty minutes thirty miles  
Twenty minutes twenty miles  
Ten nine eight...  
And I was not afraid  
No, I was not afraid  
Well we made the boat with minutes to spare  
And we crossed on over to the other side  
And back home, safe and sound  
But I could not slow down  
  
No, I could not slow down  
And we raced the Matapedia  
Sixty minutes sixty miles  
Thirty minutes thirty miles  
Twenty minutes twenty miles  
Ten nine eight  
But I could not slow down  
No, I could not slow down  
I was not afraid  
No, I was not afraid  
I could not slow down 'cause I was not afraid

