

## Stanley Brothers "Tragic Romance"

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Nestled in the heart of the Tennessee hills  
Midst peaceful pines Æneath the rocks and the rills  
There stands my old homestead of long years ago  
Brings back sweet memories of the one I loved so

I courted a maiden so sweet and so fair  
With pearly blue eyes and with chestnut brown hair  
She promised to love and said she's be mine  
But I went away leaving her there behind

I'll tell you the reason why I left her there  
To roam this old world with it's sorrow and cares  
I saw her one night in the arms of a man  
Hugging and kissing as true lovers can

I went to my home with a heart full of woe  
Packed my belongings determined to go  
For many long years this old world I did roam  
With thoughts of my sweetheart my darling my own

While dining one day in a little country town  
A stranger came in and he chanced to sit down  
While talking of loved ones I happened to find  
That his sister was that old sweetheart of mine

Now I am the man who you saw that fateful night  
Wrapped in the arms of my sister so tight  
She waited so long for the day you'd return  
And why you had left her she never did learn

When he heard my story to me then he said  
The one that you loved has a long time been dead  
She loved you so dearly but you broke her heart  
Poor stranger, from her ever more you must part

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