

## **Martha Scanlan**

### **"Isabella"**

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Isabella, she got two kinds of shoes,  
one for dancing and one for the blues  
dance Isabella, oh dancing free  
lay down your burdens at the feet of the trees

I saw Rachel in the desert in spring  
full moon in starry skies, a-ridin the swing  
pulling primrose like a tide  
one by one I watched 'em burst open wide  
take em Rachel, plant em deep  
they'll bloom in glory at the feet of the trees

Anna Mae she died for taking a stand  
cut down her body then they cut off her hands  
what they can't cut down is dancing free  
lay down your burdens at the feet of the trees

Mamie Bradley lost her only son  
she rose up shouting, crying  
see what they done  
a mighty wind shaking a mighty tree,  
when one's in chains then there ain't none of us free  
take him Mamie, now  
let him be  
he'll rise up shouting in the leaves of the trees

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