

**Bentley Stephanie****"Hopechest"**

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Her mama bought her a hopechest to keep her dreams  
inside

All the precious memories, little things she'd like to  
hide

A magic wand, an old rag doll, some plastic pearls cuz  
after all

A little girl is only a little girl, so long  
And tender hearts need their stars to wish upon  
Someday you will turn around, and she'll be gone  
A little girl is only a little girl so long

One day when she got home from school she slipped a  
little note

Beneath the tattered lining, and here is what he wrote  
Roses are red, violets are blue  
Put an X in the box if you like me too

A little girl is only a little girl, so long  
And tender hearts need their stars to wish upon  
Someday you will turn around and she'll be gone  
A little girl is only a little girl so long

They married in the garden on a perfect July day  
And in a horse and carriage, they waved and drove  
away

Mama went inside to put away her wedding dress  
And spotted a letter laying on the old hope chest  
It said a little girl is only a little girl so long  
And tender hearts need their stars to wish upon  
Look inside once in awhile to bring the memories home  
A little girl is only a little girl, and I will always be your  
little  
girl  
-so long

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