

Stephanie Bentley "The Hopechest Song"

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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 'cause after all

A little girl is only a little girl so long
And tender hearts need their stars to wish upon
'Cause one day 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"

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They married in the garden on a perfect July day
In a horse and carriage they waved and rode away
Mama went inside to put away her wedding dress
And spotted a letter lying on the old hopechest

It said, A little girl is only a little girl so long
Your lonely heart might need a star to wish upon
So look inside once in a while 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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