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### "The Hopechestsong"

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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

Chorus:

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"

Chorus:

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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

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 lyin gon 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

