

## Tift Merritt "Tender Branch"

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Once I ran like the wildest horse  
I reached up high and I clinched my fist  
What happened then goes just like this  
Oh, the tender branch is gonna fall

I was young and I thought it brave  
Fighting to find the mystery's face  
You got to give it a gentler chase  
'Cause oh, the tender branch is gonna fall  
Oh, the tender branch is gonna fall

Sometimes you fall up these stairs  
It's a long time 'fore you know  
No matter where my heart is now

There's a long, long way to go

Oh, the tender branch is gonna fall

Sometimes you fall up these stairs  
It's a long time 'fore you know  
No matter where my heart is now  
There's a long, long way to go

There is a church in St. Sulpice  
I've seen the pilgrims come to pray  
Gonna lean in hard on that grace  
'Cause oh, the tender branch is gonna fall  
Oh, the tender branch is gonna fall  
Oh, the tender branch is gonna fall

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