

Little Sisters

G *D* *Em*
Where tears of despair fell on Cherokee ground
G *Em* *D*
The White man settled east Tennessee
G *D* *Em*
At Nichol's cove a cabin rest they found
C *D* *G*
Among chestnut and cottonwood trees

G *D* *Em*
Mother carried twins in the springtime when they came
G *Em* *D*
They'd be born in the winter of fourteen
G *D* *Em*
Pa worked the stubborn mountain soil and Ma the spinning frame
C *D* *G*
And made a home for Katy and Colleen

D
Little Sisters
G
Little Sisters
C *G* *D*
Underneath a pretty mountain laurel canopy you'll lay
Em *D* *C*
Guarded by the proud old chestnut oak tree
G
Where the silver bells are blooming
D *Em* or *G*
And the red fox squirrels play

G D Em
In search of white pine the timber companies came

G Em D
Their wildfires scorched the ridges and the sky

G D Em
And floodwaters came like some runaway freight train

C D G
Leaving no trace of roadways behind

G D Em
The twins came too early and with no way into town

G Em D
The fever came and carried them away

G D Em
In a little grave beneath a tree Pa laid them gently down

C D G
Leaving Nichols cove behind that mournful day

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G
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C G D
Underneath a pretty mountain laurel canopy you'll lay

Em D C
Guarded by the proud old chestnut oak tree

G
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D Em or G
And the red fox squirrels play

Just beneath the weathered footprint of an old cabin home

A weary traveler might stop to pray
At a tiny graveyard circled by some river stones

At the woody feet of an old oak tree
Two headstones there still mark the place where little sisters lay

The letters plainly carved there were his best
Goodbyes had been spoken there was nothing left to say

John and Margaret's sisters were at rest

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