Dolly Parton, Sweet Rachel Ann

Sweet Rachel Ann sweet Rachel Ann when are you ever coming home

Sweet Rachel Ann we've waited here through many seasons now We've waited here but you have not returned When you left you promised us that you'd return someday We miss you and our love for you still burns

Our little girl who longed to see the world beyond these hills Sweet Rachel Ann you felt you had to go The autumn wind again has blown the last leaves from the trees Making room for winter's ice and snow

Sweet Rachel Ann sweet Rachel Ann oh how we miss you since you've gone Sweet Rachel Ann sweet Rachel Ann when are you ever coming home

Spring had kissed the earth again wait what's that I see Is it someone running up the path Oh wait a minute could it be Rachel is that you Sweet Rachel Ann have you come home at last

Rachel I hardly recognize you now you look so tired and thin Sweet Rachel Ann you're different than before And that world that lies beyond these hills well it's hurt you Rachel Ann But now you're home and nothing's gonna ever hurt you not anymore

Sweet Rachel Ann sweet Rachel Ann our love will make you good as new again Sweet Rachel Ann sweet Rachel Ann At last you have come home sweet Rachel Ann Rachel Ann