## Stephanie Bentley, The Hopechestsong

Her mama bought her a hopechest To keep her dreams inside All the precious memories Little things she'd like to hide A magie 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"

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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 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