

**TECUMSEH VALLEY**

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**D** **G** **D**  
THE NAME SHE GAVE WAS CAROLINE  
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THE DAUGHTER OF A MINER  
**G**  
AND HER WAYS WERE FREE  
**D** **D/C#** **D/B**  
AND IT SEEMED TO ME  
**A** **G** **D**  
THAT THE SUNSHINE WALKED BESIDE HER

SHE COME FROM SPENCER, ACROSS THE HILL  
SHE SAID HER PA HAD SENT HER  
CAUSE THE COAL WAS LOW  
AND SOON THE SNOW  
WOULD TURN THE SKIES TO WINTER.

SHE SAID SHE'D COME TO LOOK FOR WORK  
SHE WAS NOT SEEKIN' FAVORS  
FOR A DIME A DAY  
AND A PLACE TO STAY  
SHE TURN THOSE HANDS TO LABOR

WELL TIMES WERE HARD AND, LORD, JOBS WERE FEW  
ALL THROUGH TECUMSEH VALLEY  
BUT SHE ASKED AROUND  
AND A JOB SHE FOUND  
TENDING BAR AT GYPSY SALLY'S

WELL SHE SAVED ENOUGH TO GET BACK HOME  
WHEN SPRING REPLACED THE WINTER  
BUT HER DREAMS WERE DENIED  
HER PA HAD DIED  
THE WORD CAME DOWN FROM SPENCER.

WELL SHE TOOK TO WALKING OUT IN THE STREETS  
WITH ALL THE GRIEF INSIDE HER  
AND IT WAS MANY A MAN  
WHO RETURNED AGAIN  
TO WALK THAT ROAD BESIDE HER.

THEY FOUND HER DOWN BENEATH THE STAIRS  
THAT LED TO GYPSY SALLY'S  
AND IN HER HAND WHEN SHE DIED  
WAS A NOTE THAT CRIED  
FARE-THEE-WELL, TECUMSEH VALLEY

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