

## Magpies

*(tune – Mike Bennett)*

Two magpies danced, between the trees  
And moonlight played upon their wings  
And 'neath a cloak of fallen leaves  
They dreamed of love and earthly things

I 'm called Sorrow one she said  
And though my breast is white as snow  
A black hood sits upon my head  
Should my poor heart, betray its woe.

But I am Joy the other cried,  
my heart beats strong and I am free  
And should your poor and wounded soul  
Seek comfort, I am here for thee

And these two sisters swooped and soared  
And met amongst the wildwood brake  
Two brothers set to steal their hearts  
And mischief for these siblings make

“We are as you are” one he said  
Come lie amongst these trees awhile  
And on a bed of softest down  
We'll sit and let our hearts beguile

But Sorrows heart was weak it seems  
And turning quick to fly away  
“I was not born for others dreams”  
She spurned them though they begged her stay

“Why sister do you run so far  
As Joy remained to share their bed  
Have you no courage in your heart?  
No secret path you wish to tread?”

“These strangers sister do not trust  
I'll take my leave and now depart  
And if you stay as stay you must  
Do not indulge their wanton hearts”

Those sisters did not meet again  
Their destiny to be apart  
And though she searched for her in vain  
No Joy was found in Sorrow's heart.