

Halley Came To Jackson

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Late one night when the wind was still
Daddy brought the baby to the window sill
To see a bit of heaven shoot across the sky
The one and only time daddy saw it fly
It came from the east just as bright as a torch
The neighbors had a party on their porch
Daddy rocked the baby, mother said, "Amen"
When Halley came to visit in 1910
Now back then Jackson was a real small town
And its not every night a comet comes around
It was almost eighty years since it's last time through
So I bet your mother would have said amen too
As it's tailed stretched out like a stardust streak
The papers wrote about it every day for a week
You wondered where its going and where its been
When Halley came to Jackson in 1910
Now daddy told the baby sleeping in his arms
To dream a little dream of a comets charms
And he made a little wish as she slept so sound
In 1986 that wish came round
It came from the east just as bright as a torch
She saw it in the sky from her daddys porch
As heavenly sent as it was back then
When Halley came to Jackson in 1910
And late one night when the wind was still

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