

# Five Summers for Jimmy

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She cleaned off the supper table and washed the dishes  
And went outside to catch the evening breeze  
The smell of sweet magnolias filled the summer night  
And she hummed a song that set her mind at ease  
She closed her eyes and remembered another night like this  
It had been the sixteenth year of her life  
When the one she loved had sit with her on the porch swing  
And told her he was going off to fight  
Five summers came and fell across her shoulders  
And the only news she heard was from her heart  
And all this time she kept on waiting  
Through the long hot summers  
And the cold nights of winter she waited  
And when about three weeks before  
They'd heard that the war was over  
And she still hadn't heard no news from him  
She never once let it cross her mind  
That he wouldn't be coming back to her  
And on this particular night  
As she sit there on the old porch swing  
She suddenly got up  
And went around the side of the house  
And got some water outta the old rain barrel  
And she washed her hair  
And brushed it 'til it shine  
And went inside and put on her prettiest yellow dress  
And she waited by the window through the night  
The morning sun came shining through her restless dreams  
And she awoke to somebody whistling her favourite song  
And although he was walking slowly with a slight limp  
She could tell that it was Jimmy and he was home

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