

## Halley Came To Jackson

Mary Chapin Carpenter

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 it's not every night a comet comes around  
It was almost eighty years since its last time through  
So I bet your mother would have said amen too

As its tail stretched out like a stardust streak  
The papers wrote about it every day for a week  
You wondered where it's going and where it's been  
When Halley came to Jackson in 1910

Now daddy told the baby sleeping in his arms  
To dream a little dream of a comet's 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 daddy's porch  
As heavenly sent as it was back then  
When Halley came to Jackson in 1910

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