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 ***“Trail of Tears” -***

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 **{ MALE ARTIST/ SOLO WITH HARMONY }**

 ON A COLD WINTER’S NIGHT / WHEN THE FULL MOON IS BRIGHT,

 AND THE SHADOWS / STRETCHED LONG / ON THE HILLS.

 YOU CAN HEAR MUFFLED FOOTSTEPS / OF THE LONG SINCE FORGOTTEN

 IN THE DARK / AND THE DAMP / AND THE CHILL.

 A BABY’S CRY OUT OF NOWHERE / BREAKS THE LONG, LONELY SILENCE

 AS THE TREES / BLOW THE LEAVES / BY YOUR EAR

 VOICES MOAN IN DESPIRATION / IN AN ILL-FATED CHORUS

 OF LOST SOULS / ON THE / ON THE COLD TRAIL OF TEARS.

 **[ CHORUS ] [ WHEN WILL THEY REST? / WILL THEY EVER FIND PEACE? ]**

 **[ FROM THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS / CAME THE GREAT CHEROKEE. ]**

 **[ DRIVEN ON TO OKLAHOMA / LEAVING SCENES THAT GROW DEAR… ]**

 **[ FROM THE TEAR SHEDDING SORROW / ON THE COLD TRAIL OF TEARS. ]**

 **[MUSIC BRIDGE]**

 THE PINE AND THE OAK / ARE THE ONLY SAD WITNESS,

 THAT REMAINS / OF THE PATHS / OVERGROWN.

 BUT THE COLD WINDS THEY SHIVER /AS A SAD GRIM REMINDER

 OF THE THOUSANDS / WHO LAY / BENEATH STONES...

 NOW THE LAKES AND THE STREAMS / THAT THEY LEFT TO REMIND US

 OF THE GRAVES / OF THE BRAVE / DISAPPEARED

 ARE MONUMENTS THAT ARE FITTING / TO A CHEROKEE NATION

 THAT DIED ON THE COLD TRAIL OF TEARS.

 **[ CHORUS ] [ WHEN WILL THEY REST? / WILL THEY EVER FIND PEACE? ]**

 **[ FROM THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS / CAME THE GREAT CHEROKEE. ]**

 **[ DRIVEN ON TO OKLAHOMA / LEAVING STREAMS THAT FLOW CLEAR… ]**

 **[ FROM THE TEAR SHEDDING SORROW / ON THE COLD TRAIL OF TEARS ]**

 **[ WHEN WILL THEY REST? / WILL THEY EVER FIND PEACE? ]**

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 **[HAUNTING VIOLIN CLOSURE]**

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