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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? ]**

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

**[HAUNTING VIOLIN CLOSURE]**

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