

# When Halley Came to Jackson

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D G D  
Late one night when the wind was still

Daddy brought the baby to the  
A D  
window sill

G  
To see a bit of heaven shoot across the  
D  
sky

A  
The one and only time daddy saw it  
D  
fly

[CHORUS]

A D  
It came from the east just as bright as a  
torch

G D A  
The neighbors had a party on their  
D  
porch

A Bm  
Daddy rocked the baby, mother said  
G  
amen

D A D  
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

[REPEAT CHORUS]

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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And late one night when the wind was  
D  
still