I remember when I was a lad times were hard and times were bad But there's a silver lining behind every cloud

Just poor people that's all we were tryin' to make a livin' out of black land dirt

We'd get together in a family circle sing out loud (Daddy sang bass mama sang tenor)

Me and little brother would join right in there singin' seems to help a troubled soul

One of these days and it won't be long I'll rejoin them in a so ng

I'm gonna join the family circle at the throne
No the circle won't be broken by and by Lord by and by
(Daddy sang bass mama sang tenor)

Me and little brother would join right in there in the sky Lord in the sky

Now I remember after work mama would call in all of us You could hear us singin' for a country mile

Now little brother has done gone on I'll rejoin him in a song We'll be together again up yonder in a while

(Daddy sang bass)

In the sky Lord in the sky