For Father

I remember years ago A little girl with her laughter From high up on on your shoulders you would tell Me stories, And sing to me softly

Once I had a little girl With two braids swinging on her back When she undid her thick black braids My heart would also come undone

In the meadow, I unraveled them Friendly old moon smiled down on us But in the fall, she'd she'd them all To the autumn of our souls

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Once I had a little girl With two braids swinging on her back She has gone, this little girl And taken spring away with her

Now that same girl stands before you Long black hair caped over her shoulders Stage lights shine And in my mind I send a song out to you

Once I had a little girl With two braids swinging on her back But autumns past And she will laugh Fall is all but gone away A lovely spring Begins Today

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