

Counting Quarters

Lyrics © 2012 Penny Davies, music © 2015 Gordon Bok
performed by Penny Davies, Roger Ilott, Gordon Bok with Jemma Armstrong on flute
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“Following a stroke, harpist Carol Rohl told me that she was saving her “quarters” (her daily ration of energy) to use the next day. Touched by Carol’s courage in the face of her challenges, I wrote these words. Carol’s husband Gordon Bok made the tune, and Roger, Gordon and I recorded the song in September, 2015, in their house in Camden, Maine, looking out at the apple trees in early autumn.” ~ Penny Davies

She has come a long, long way and the road has been uphill.
Every step and each new day, an effort of pure will.

She will walk where aspens glow, beside the shining waters.
She will let the purse strings go and never count her quarters.

She has gone at her own gait, at times she must be still,
And there are times when we must wait to reach the highest hill.

And still the music that she makes, with all her heart and hand
Is glowing like the waters where the golden aspens stand.

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