LAST OF THE TRUE RECYCLERS

VERSE 1: My grandmother would save wrapping paper

She'd fold it up and store it in an old tin box

She was the last of the true recyclers

Didn't have much but she'd use everything she got

Ask her for a piece of string

She had a jar up on the cupboard where she kept it

Rubber bands and other useful things

CHORUS: She wouldn't think to throw away

Save them for another day

For my grandmother was the last of the true recyclers

VERSE 2: Slivers of bars of soap

Newspapers mason jars and grocery bags

Bells for your billy goat

Coffee cans full of nails and old mop rags She kept them just in case she needed them Just in case times should get rough again She'd made it through one Great Depression

CHORUS: Repeat

VERSE 3: The attic up above her house

Was the center of the pyramid the Pharaoh's tomb

full of cardboard boxes

mystery in every corner of that room I pestered grandma for a single chance To climb those stairs just to have a glance

At memories and treasured things

CHORUS: Repeat

VERSE 4: Now grandmother has passed on

The attic treasures relatives took them away

We picked her flowers and wrapped them in her paper Tied them with her string and threw them in her grave

Now every mantle has a treasure Now every grandchild has a toy Memories far too great to measure

CHORUS: We wouldn't think... repeat

CHORUS: Repeat chorus 1