

Garden in the Grass

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intro

G D C Em Am G

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In the middle of the meadow there's a hollow in the hill.
C Em Am G
Sloping southward slightly sheltered by branches of a willow.
D C Am G
In winter you can't see it, just a shadow in the snow,
C Em Asus2 G
In spring there blooms a garden where purple iris grow

bridge

Am C Bm Em
and you wonder why they grow there, what's the story of their sowing.
Am C Bm Em
But the past's a distant mirror, there is no way of knowing.
C D Bm Em
Did a farmer plant them there, did a rodent hide her nest?
C Em Asus2 G
Did a child place a marker, where a pet was laid to rest?

No foundation tells a story, no path provides a clue
there's no history, no legend, to reveal their truth to you.
In the end it doesn't matter, the result is what you know:
a garden in the meadow, where purple iris grow.

Make your mark upon the stone, write your words upon the wind
paint a picture, build a tower, give comfort to a friend.
Your hand will touch the future, though your name be lost at last
If you leave behind some beauty, purple iris in the grass.

break

Am C Bm Em / C Em Asus2 G

Make your mark upon the stone, write your words upon the wind.
Build a tower, plant a flower, play the mandolin
Reach out to the future, whatever seeds you sow,
Will leave behind a garden where purple iris grow
C Em Am D7/F# G
Leave behind a garden, where purple iris grow