

## ***The Dandelion Song***

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Written in June for Madilane Perry

Well, flowers come in green and pink and red  
And they sleep all day in their little flower beds  
But the little dandelion grows wild and free  
With her uncles and her cousins and the whole family  
Dandy, dandy, dandy, dandy dandelion  
There's something pretty dandy 'bout you  
Dandy, dandy, dandy dandy dandelion  
I wish that there were more of you

First I make a wish, then I blow real hard  
And the little dandelions blow all over the yard  
And I wait and I hope for my wish to come true  
Guess there's only so much a dandelion can do CHORUS

Now in 1800 things were bleak and bare  
Not a little dandelion anywhere  
But Cathy Maynard knew that dandelions cure  
So she brought them to Washington, and we thank her CHORUS

Some people think that dandelions are a pest  
But I think that dandelions are the best  
Dandelions, don't you know, are really cool  
And dandelion haters should go back to school CHORUS

You can make them into necklaces and bracelets too  
You can decorate your laces to tie your shoe  
You can make them into salad greens or dandelion tea  
That's why dandelions are for me CHORUS 2X

### Notes:

My daughters, Jennifer and Kristin (ages 12 and 9), rode with me to a concert in Everett. On the way there, I told them about Catherine Maynard's alleged contribution to Washington's history. We created this song together over the next hour in the car, and sang it together at the concert.