

Speech and Drama

12 years

Test Recital

The Magpies.

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**When Tom and Elizabeth took the farm
The bracken made their bed
And Quardle oodle ardle wardle doodle
The magpies said.**

**Tom's hand was strong to the plough
and Elizabeth's lips were red
and Quardle oodle ardle wardle doodle
The magpies said.**

**Year in year out they worked
while the pines grew overhead
and Quardle oodle ardle wardle doodle
The magpies said.**

**But all the beautiful crops soon went
to the mortgage man instead
and Quardle oodle ardle wardle doodle
The magpies said.**

**Elizabeth is dead now (it's long ago)
Old Tom's gone light in the head
and Quardle oodle ardle wardle doodle
The magpies said.**

**The farm's still there. Mortgage organisations
Couldn't give it away
and Quardle oodle ardle wardle doodle
The magpies said.**

