

Little Joe - Stanley Brothers

Bluegrass Classic, Key of **A** My Key: ____

INTRO: **1** , **4** **1** , **1** , **5** , **1** , **4** , **5** , **1** , (extra two beats)

1 What, will the birds do **4** mother in the **1** spring
When they **1** gather, the crumbs around my **5** door
Will they **1** fly through, the trees at the **4** window, each day
Asking **5** why, Joe wanders out no **1** more
And **1** what, will the kitten do, **4** Mother all a- **1** lone
Will it **1** stop from, its frolic for a **5** day
Will he **1** lie on the rug, by the **4** side of, my bed
Like he **5** did, before I went a- **1** way

INSTRUMENTAL: Same as **INTRO**

1 What will Thomas, the **4** old gardner **1** say
Will you **1** ask him, for flow,ers for **5** me
Will, he **1** give you, the bud he has **4** tended, with care
The **5** first fair,est bloom on the **1** tree
I could **1** see the teardrops there, in his **4** honest, old **1** eyes
1 Said it was, the wind that brought 'em **5** there
As he **1** gazed on my cheeks, growing **4** paler each day
As his **5** hand trem,bled over my **1** hair

INSTRUMENTAL

1 Keep Tag Mother, my **4** poor, little **1** dog
1 I know, he'll mourn, for me **5** too
1 Keep him, though blind and **4** useless he grows
5 Sleepin', the whole summer **1** through
1 Show him my coat, mother, **4** so he'll not for- **1** get
His **1** master, then will be **5** dead
1 Speak to, him kindly and **4** often of Joe
And **5** pat-him on, his brown shaggy **1** head

INSTRUMENTAL

And **1** you, dearest mother, will **4** miss me, a- **1** while
But-in **1** Heaven, I'll no larger **5** grow
An **1** angel, will know, when you **4** ask at the gate
When you **5** ask, for your darling little **1** Joe