

THE FLOWERS OF THE FOREST

By PRUE GIBBS

OH THE FLOWERS OF THE FOREST ARE HIDDEN FROM VIEW
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AND WE'LL GENTLY DISCOVER THEM ALL, ME AND YOU.

CHORUS:

OH WE'LL WALK BY THE RIVER AND FIND THAT GREAT CLOAK
WE WILL GATHER ITS EDGES AND UNDO THAT YOKE
AND WE'LL LIFT UP THAT BLANKET THAT'S CENTURIES OLD
AND THE SEEDS LONG ASLEEP UNDER COVER SO DEEP
ONCE MORE WILL SPRING FORTH AND THEIR PETALS UNFOLD.

VERSE 1:

NOW APPEAR THE BUSH CANTHIUM, LILY AND PINE
AND HERE SHOW THE BANKSIA, CEDAR AND VINE
ALL AROUND US THE BOOYONG, ROSE MYRTLE AND PEA
WITH THE COOGERA, KODA AND BLUSH CUDGERIE.

VERSE 2:

HERE ARE BLOOMS OF KAMALA, SCRUB BLOODWOOD AND GUM
AND HERE SHOW THE KANUKA, WATTLE AND PLUM,
ALL AROUND US THE WALNUT, BLUE TONGUE AND BOORGAY
WITH THE MURROGUN, MIDYIM, BRUSH BOX AND WILD MAY.

CHORUS.