

A WELL-KEPT SECRET [6-99]

**A well-kept secret known to few,
Where the folks say suh and mahm.
Are the ancient Appalachians,
Down south in Alabam'.**

**Straight from the start, they were set apart,
From the rest of their far-flung kin.
And throughout time in this southern clime,
They never quite fit in.**

**But here they sit, to the spite of it,
Majestic, proud and free.
And I would rate my *hike here a great...
Grand part of this Odyssey.**

**You can roam all o'er that famous trail,
From Baxter to Springer Mount.
But you'll wind up short and to no avail,
When it's down to the final count.**

**So, come feast your eyes where these mountains rise,
Where this magic all began.
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Down south in Alabam'.**

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