

**Smoky Mountain Memories**  
**Dolly Parton**

**C** **Am7**  
You ought to go north somebody told us  
**F** **C**  
Cause the air is filled with gold dust  
**Am7** **F** **C**  
And fortune falls like snow flakes in your hands  
**Am7**  
Now I don't recall who said it  
**F** **Em**  
But we'd lived so long on credit  
**F** **G** **C**  
And so we headed out to find our promised land  
  
**Am7**  
Just poor Smoky Mountains farm folk  
**F** **C**  
With nothing more than high hopes  
**Am7** **F** **C**  
So we hitched our station wagon to a star  
**Am7**  
But our dreams are failing on us  
**F** **Em**  
Cause there was no land of promise  
**F** **G** **C**  
Though it's a struggle just keepin' sight of who you are  
  
**Am7** **Em**  
Oh and these northern nights are dreary  
**F** **Em**  
And my southern heart is weary  
**F** **Dm** **Cmaj7**  
As I wonder how the old folks are back home  
**Am7** **Em**  
But I know that they all love me  
**F** **Em7**  
And they're all thinking of me  
**F** **Dm7** **C**  
Smoky Mountains memories keep me strong  
  
**Am7**  
You know I've been thinkin' a whole lot lately  
**F** **C**  
About what's been and what awaits me  
**Am7** **F** **C**  
It takes all I've got to give what life demands  
**Am7**  
You go insane if you give in to it

**F** **Em**  
Life s a mill and I ve been through it  
**F** **G** **C**  
I m just thankful I m creative with my hands

**Am7** **Em**  
Oh and these northern nights they re dreary  
**F** **Em**  
And my southern eyes are teary  
**F** **Dm** **Cmaj7**  
As I wonder how the old folks are back home  
**Am7** **Em**  
But I ll keep leanin on my Jesus  
**F** **Em**  
He ll love and guide and lead us  
**F** **Dm7** **C**  
Smoky Mountains memories keep me strong

**Am7** **Em**  
If I ll keep looking to the father  
**F** **Em** **F**  
Keep our heads above the water  
**Dm7** **G** **C**  
While the Smoky Mountains memories keep me strong