

# Where Daisy Sleeps

[poem]

(May 1906)<sup>1</sup>

*(To Mother! Sweetest to us of all the earth. We call her "Daisy.")*<sup>2</sup>

The grass grows green  
Where Daisy sleeps;  
The mulberry tree its vigil keeps  
Where Daisy sleeps.

The wind blows soft  
Where Daisy sleeps;  
The modest, blue-eyed violet peeps  
Where Daisy sleeps.

The birds sing sweet  
Where Daisy sleeps;  
The mournful willow bends and weeps  
Where Daisy sleeps.

The sun shines bright  
Where Daisy sleeps;  
Each changing season sows and reaps  
Where Daisy sleeps.

The flowers bloom fair  
Where Daisy sleeps;  
The evening shadow softly creeps  
Where Daisy sleeps.

Our hearts beat true  
Where Daisy sleeps;  
And love its watch forever keeps  
Where Daisy sleeps.

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<sup>1</sup> According to Debs's biographer David Karsner, this poem was written in May 1906, shortly after his mother's death. It was first published in August of that year.

<sup>2</sup> Marguerite Bettrich Debs (1828-1906) died in Terre Haute on April 29, 1906 after a long illness. She was survived by her husband, four daughters, and two sons.