

## Six Weeks Every Summer (christmas Every Other Year)

Dottie West

Hopelessly the ghost of me sinks down into a chair  
And underneath the cushion there's a ribbon from her hair  
Just a crumpled up reminder that my daughter's only here  
For six weeks ever summer and Christmas every other year.

The role of part-time mother it's the toughest role I  
play  
Oh, my name's up there in neon lights but Lord what a  
price I pay  
Why, the only thing it cost was giving up our used-to-  
be's  
And my little angel baby by the name of Shelly.

Bravely I step back into my room, it's only cheap veneer  
And I die inside till summertime or Christmas time is  
near  
When up the stairs comes all my prayers yellin' mom it's  
me, I'm here  
For six weeks every summer and Christmas every other  
year.

Just found a note my baby wrote she left it by the phone  
She knew I'd need some extra strength to make it through  
the night alone  
It says I'll always love you mama although I'm only here  
For six weeks every summer and Christmas every other  
year.

Oh, I'd gladly give up all my fame if only I could hear  
My Shelly calls me mommy every morning of the year...