

# Family

Dolly Parton

When it's family, you forgive them for they know not what they do  
When it's family, you accept them, 'cause you have no choice but to  
When it's family, they're a mirror of the worst and best in you  
And they always put you to the test  
And you always try to do your best  
And just pray for God to do the rest, when it's family

Some are preachers, some are gay  
Some are addicts, drunks and strays  
But not a one is turned away, when it's family  
Some are lucky, others ain't  
Some are fighters, others faint  
Winners, losers, sinners, saints, it's all family

And when it's family you trust them and your heart's an open door  
When it's family, you tolerate what you'd kill others for  
When it's family, you love and hate and take, then give some more  
Somehow you justify mistakes, try to find some better way  
To solve the problems day to day, in the family

You take the trouble as it comes and love them more than anyone  
Good or bad or indifferent, it's still family  
You choose your lovers, you pick your friends  
Not the family that you're in, nah  
They'll be with you 'til the end, 'cause it's family

And when it's family, you forgive them for they know not what they do  
When it's family, they're a mirror of the worst and best in you  
When it's family, when it's family  
Let me be all that I should be to the family