

# Bendicion Mami

Fat Joe

Empty Arms and Lonely nights  
That's my life without you girl  
I'm so lonely I'm so blue  
Without you girl my life is through  
Maria  
This song is dedicated

Maria - Don't you hear me calling  
Maria To the most beautiful woman on the planet earth  
Maria That would be my mother Maria Cartegena

Ay yo, she's the best sister  
One man love her  
And if she died her tombstone would read  
The world's greatest mother  
August nineteenth she birthed me  
I came out  
Put her through hell but still in all she couldn't help but smile

I resemble my mama to be truthful  
And I ain't got to describe her  
You know she beautiful  
Shit, I always love my mama  
Blow holes through a Nigga if he touch my mama  
You did whatever it took to keep the supper hot  
And I remember when you worked at the number spot  
Once the cops caught you I skipped school  
Yeah I guess the cops was cool  
They let me feed you  
I cryed for hours till they finally freed you  
Drop to my knees and screamed Mama we need you  
Then you went back to school and got a job that's legal  
Maria

Yeah Mami, I love you so much  
For this pain, this love, you've been through so much,  
And I thank you for everything you done for us  
You've been a survivor and we love you so much  
I had to dedicate this song to you Mami  
I had to tell the world how much I love you

Ay yo, yo yo  
I never forget the night that changed out life  
A neighbor was screaming Maria come out side  
Something's wrong with your son I think he's getting high  
Then you replied not my son he don't be getting high  
Then you bathed him and tucked him to sleep  
Yeah I knew from that day life wouldn't be sweet  
He got in trouble with the law  
Then you bailed him out  
I got in trouble with the law then you bailed me out  
It was one July the fourth  
They tried to take me out  
Shot me right in front of my mother  
By Tracy's house  
Now its time to change my life I think Rap's the answer  
Same day I got signed you was diagnosed with Cancer

Doctor said it'd be a miracle if you survived  
Then you looked in my eyes and said  
Joey I don't want to die  
I pray to god that he show us a sign  
Now its fourteen years later and you still alive  
Thank you God

God I thank you so much  
My Mother has so much to see  
So much to do  
She's had such a painful life  
Many nights I argue with you in my prayers but I know you're the boss  
You kept her alive for a reason  
Mama I'm a ride for you  
I swear  
Yo, I bet you proud of your son  
He's a rap star now  
Took you out of them projects and bought you that house  
Got you that housekeeper to manicure the grounds  
And I bought you that car that breaks the barrier of sound  
You take care of Joey and I love you for that  
And you raising John John and we love you for that  
I guess Lisa was an Angel  
God wanted her back  
Damn I really miss my sister  
Guess she's better where she's at  
Mammy I love you  
I want the world to know I love you  
And every chance I get I'm a kiss you and hug you  
Life wasn't easy everyday is a struggle  
But like my niggaz from Chi town say  
It's all bubbles

Hoping my real mo'fuckers know  
This be the realest shit I ever wrote

It's that shit right here  
Took me like ten years to do

You know I cried doing this song  
Man, so much pain  
Mami you such a good woman  
You a classy woman  
I know you a private person  
You don't want the world to know all your business  
But I had to let them know how strong you are  
I love you so much

This song is also dedicated to little Maria  
One of my best friends on earth  
Get your shit together girl I love you too  
Juju what's up, you my nephew I love you for life

It's Crack bitch