

# Mama

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You could've been bitter, you could've hated him  
You could've talked about the whiskey and the women  
He could've done better but you loved him anyhow  
Then you taught us all the power of forgiveness

Mama, you were smiling when you could've been crying all night  
Oh mama, you made me believe everything was alright  
Mama, you never wore your pain too thick  
I'd like to thank you for this

You could've fought, you could've cut him down to shame  
You could've told us that our daddy didn't want us  
That wasn't true if you knew it all along  
It was a struggle between the road and loving you

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Oh mama, you made me believe everything was alright  
Oh mama, you never wore your pain too thick  
I'd like to thank you for this

You did more good for me than you will ever know  
I've seen mothers fill their children's hearts with hate  
But you knew better than to drag me down with you  
You let me love my daddy just the same

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Oh mama, you made me believe everything was alright  
Oh mama, you never wore your pain too thick  
I'd like to thank you for this  
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