

## No Charge

Johnny Cash

Our little boy came up to his mama in the kitchen this evening  
While she was fixing supper  
And he handed her a piece of paper he'd been writin' on  
And after wipin' her hands on her apron she read it and this is  
what it said

For mowin' the yard 5 dollars  
For makin' my own bed this week 1 dollar  
For going to the store 50 cents  
For playin' with my little brother while you went shoppin' 25 c  
ents  
For taking out the trash 1 dollar  
For gettin' a good report card 5 dollars  
And for rakin' the yard 2 dollars  
Total amount owed 14 dollars and 75 cents

Well as mama looked at him standin' there expectanly  
And I could see the memories flashin' through her mind  
And so she picked up the pen and turnin' the paper over  
This is what she wrote and I read it to him

For the nine months she carried you growing inside her no charg  
e  
For the nights we sat up with you doctoring you praying for you  
no charge  
For the time and the tears that you've caused through the years  
there's no charge  
When you added all up the full cost of our love is no charge

For the nights filled with dread and the worries ahead no charg  
e  
For advice and for knowledge and the cost of your college no ch  
arge  
For the toys food and clothes and for wiping your nose there's  
no charge  
When you added all up the full cost of our love is no charge

Well when I finished readin' he had big tears in his eyes  
And he looked up at his mother and he said mama I sure do love  
you  
Then he took the pen and in great big letter he wrote Paid In F  
ull

When you added all up the cost of real love is no charge