

Mama Tried

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[Verse 1]

The first thing I remember knowin
Was that lonesome whistle blowin'
And a youngin's dream
Of growin' up to ride
On a freight train leavin' town
Not knowin' where I was bound
No one could change my mind
But mama tried

[Verse 2]

One and only rebel child
From a family meek and mild
Mama seemed to know
What lay in store
In spite of all my
Sunday learnin'
For the bad I kept on turnin'
And mama couldn't hold me anymore

[Chorus]

And I turned 21 in prison
Doin' life without parole
No one could steer me right
But mama tried, mama tried
Mama tried to raise me better

But her pleadings I denied
That leaves only me to blame
'Cause mama tried

[Interlude]

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[Verse 3]

Dear old daddy rest his soul
Left my mom a heavy load
She tried so very hard
To fill his shoes
Workin' hours without rest
Wanted me to have the best
Oh, she tried to raise me right
But I refused

[Chorus]

[Solo] OVER VERSE

[Chorus]

[Outro]

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'Cause mama tried