FILE

I've been a mother now for over 30 years — & as happy & grateful as I am for this award today — & I am. I can't help wondering what I was doing wrong all those others years — or for that matter what I did right this year — or didn't anyone notice until now. But I am certainly delighted to be noticed — & to be honored by the Helping Hand which has such a long & heartwarming history of bringing help & hope to ~~babies~~ mothers & children in desperate need of a humane hand.

whose own mothers are unable or unwilling

Now, as mother of the year, I suppose [I should give a few rules for what makes a good mother.] I can afford to part with a few of my secrets, In the first place, if you want to be a good mother it helps if you have a baby.

① After that feed it, clothe it but don't overdo it

③ Never say no unless there's a good reason, hold on with loose fingers & don't use iodine where microchrome will do.

DID THAT ALRIGHT - BUT DENA STILL A

② ~~Maywell it, sing to it rock it & love it & you can't overdo that it~~

HARDSHIP CASE - MOVIE CHILD - MOTHER STUDIO ALL

Movies - daddy an actor Roxy - Riviera - Anderson - Jail - chased by gangsters, police & assorted dwarfs & spies finally hit the jackpot - White Xmas.

WRITING SONGS HALF THE NIGHT

DAY in FATHER TRAVELLING - ALSO MOVIE STAR -

pure pressure at Bk Hills High
the convertibles, pearls & cashmere sweaters.

Despite all the bumps & hurdles
Dena turned out to be a lovely and
loving girl - attractive, talented with a
successful WRITING career of her own tri-lingual globe - trotting
member in good standing of the MOURS & shakers in the Big
~~and altogether satisfactory child. And~~
~~that's how I got to be mother of~~
~~the year.~~

Apple & the apple of her father's eye &
of mine - And that's how, etc.