

EVA TANGUAY'S GREAT "MOTHER" SONG
M-O-T-H-E-R
A word that means the world to me



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Andante moderato

The piano introduction is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It begins with a treble clef and a bass clef. The right hand starts with a series of eighth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of chords and single notes. The piece concludes with a final chord in the right hand.

I've been a - round the world, you bet, But nev - er went to school, Hard
When I was but a ba - by, long be - fore I learned to walk, While

The first line of the song features a vocal melody in the treble clef and piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

knocks are all I seem to get, Per - haps I've been a fool; But
ly - ing in my cra - dle, I would try my best to talk; It

The second line of the song continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines in both hands.

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still, some ed - u - ca - ted folks, sup - posed to be so swell, Would
was - n't long, be - fore I spoke, and all the neigh - bors heard, My

fail, if they were called up - on a sim - ple word to spell. Now
folks were ve - ry proud of me for "Moth - er" was the word. Al -

if you'd like to put me to a test, _____ There's
though I'll nev - er lay a claim to fame, _____ I'm

one dear name that I can spell the best: _____
sat - is - fied that I can spell this name: _____

CHORUS

"M" is for the mil - lion things she gave me,
is for the mer - cy she pos - ses,

"O" means on - ly that she's grow - ing old,
means that I owe her all I own,

"T" is for the tears were shed to save me,
is for her ten - der sweet ca - res - ses,

"H" is for her heart of pur - est gold;
is for her hands that made a home;

"E" is for her eyes, with love - light shin - ing,
means ev - 'ry - thing she's done to help me,

"R" means right, and right she'll al - ways be, ———
means real and reg - u - lar, you see, ———

Put them all to - geth - er, they spell "MOTH - ER," A

word that means the world to me. ———

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