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"I Dreamed About Mama Last Night"

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I've just been to heaven with someone so true I
dreamed about mama last night
She read me her Bible like she used to do I dreamed
about mama last night
Mama used to never go to sleep at night until all of us
were in bed
On party nights till we come home she often sat up and
read
We little thought about it then for we were young and
gay
Just how much mama worried when children were away
We only knew that she never slept when we were out at
night
That she waited just to know that we were all gonna
come home alright
Why sometimes we'd stayed away till one or two or
three
And I used to think that mama could hear the turning of
the key
For we'd step aside and she'd call and we'd reply
But we were all too young back then to understand just
why
But up until the last one had returned mama always
kept a light
She couldn't go to sleep until she kissed us all
goodnight
I think mama just had to know that we were safe before
she went to rest
She seemed to fear that the world might harm the ones
that she loved the best
One time she told me when you're grown to women and
to men
I'll sleep the whole night through I bet I'll be different
then
And so it seemed that night and day we knew a
mother's care
Then always when we got back home we'd find her
waiting there
And then came the night that we were called together
round her bed
The children're all with you now the kindly doctor said
And in her eyes there gleamed again that old time

tender light
That told that she's just been waitin' to know that we
were all alright
She smiled that old familiar smile and prayed to God to
keep
Her children safe from harm throughout the years then
mama went to sleep
My dream is a treasure that I'll always keep I dreamed
about mama last night

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