

## Dr. Hook

# "Mama, I'll Sing One Song For You"

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(Shel Silverstein)

Well I've sung my songs on dusty roads and dirty city  
sidewalks  
To them sweatin' hard eyed brakemen, in the rail yards  
I rolled through  
I've sung in blue wall papered rooms to girls I played at  
lovin'  
Now Mama, I'm gonna sing one song for  
you

Mama let me tell you that I've never lost the mem'ry  
Of the tender things you told me, and the gentle things  
you'd do  
And though I've grown away and other arms reach out  
to hold me  
Mama, I'll sing one song for you

You say you'd like to have me here to help you through  
the winter  
But you say it with a wistful smile like you already knew  
That your boy's no good at stayin' still that's words that  
need sayin'  
And Mama, I'll sing one song for you

And tomorrow I'll be movin' out on them dusty country  
back roads  
Some sweatin' hard eyed brakeman may hear a tune or  
two  
And the girl in the blue wall papered room she'll ask  
where I been hidin'  
And I'll tell 'em I stopped and sang one song for you

Mama let me tell you that I've never lost the mem'ry  
Of the tender things you told me, and the gentle things  
you'd do  
And though I've grown away and other arms reach out  
to hold me  
Mama, I'll sing one song for you

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