

## **Dr. Hook & The Medicine Show**

### **"Sylvia's Mother"**

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(Shel Silverstein)

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's busy, too busy to come to  
the phone  
Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's tryin' to start a new life of  
her own  
Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's happy so why don't you  
leave her alone  
And the operator says forty cents more for the next  
three minutes

Please Mrs. Avery, I just gotta talk to her,  
I'll only keep her a while  
Please Mrs. Avery, I just wanna tell her goodbye

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's packin' she's gonna be  
leavin' today  
Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's marryin' a fella down  
Galveston way  
Sylvia's mother says please don't say nothin' to make  
her start cryin' and stay  
And the operator says forty cents more for the next  
three minutes

Please Mrs. Avery, I just gotta talk to her,  
I'll only keep her a while  
Please Mrs. Avery, I just wanna tell her goodbye

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's hurryin' she's catchin' the  
nine o'clock train  
Sylvia's mother says take your umbrella cause Sylvie,  
it's startin' to rain  
And Sylvia's mother says thank you for callin' and sir  
won't you call back again  
And the operator says forty cents more for the next  
three minutes

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I'll only keep her a while  
Please Mrs. Avery, I just wanna tell her goodbye

Tell her goodbye...

Please... tell her goodbye..

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