

Elizabeth Cook

"Mama's Funeral"

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Nah nah nah nah...

At mama's funeral, organs didn't play

But you could hear the lonesome sway

Of the local guitar man

He played Hank Williams songs

We all did 'Farther Along'

The boys drank beer out by the barn

At mama's funeral

Oh the birds showed up to sing

As we gathered round the ole porch swing

Where her feet had worn the paint off the boards

And her pillow sat all faded and torn

Her children all took turns

Trying to find the words

Just wantin to say something right

Bout the best friend they'd found in life

And explain it to the nurses that came from the hospital

To mama's funeral

It was surprising to me, thought it'd be as hard as it
could be

But everybody took a little piece of pain

And they spread it round like summer rain
And it helped to ease the load
More than I could've known
At mama's funeral
And my family made me proud
Cause when the cryin got loud
The laughter followed close behind
Daddy'd say "now don't all remember the time..."
Tables set up all over the place
Covered with pictures, candles and lace
The Quik Sack stayed open late
Sold out of all their cups and paper plates
To the strangers that gathered up on the hill
For mama's funeral
All the pretty flowers planted by her hands
Her guitar in a corner sittin on a stand
Nah nah nah nah...

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