

## **Ernest Tubb**

### **"Soldier's Last Letter"**

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When the postman delivered a letter  
It filled her dear heart full of joy  
But she didn't know 'til she read the inside  
It was the last one from her darling boy

Dear Mom, was the way that it started  
I miss you so much, it went on  
Mom, I didn't know, that I loved you so  
But I'll prove it when this war is won

I'm writing this down in a trench, Mom  
Don't scold if it isn't so neat  
You know as you did, when I was a kid  
And I'd come home with mud on my feet  
The captain just gave us our orders  
And Mom, we will carry them through  
I'll finish this letter the first chance I get  
But now I'll just say I love you

Then the mother's old hands began to tremble  
And she fought against tears in her eyes  
But they came unashamed for there was no name  
And she knew that her darling had died

That night as she knelt by her bedside  
She prayed, "Lord above, hear my plea  
And protect all the sons that are fighting tonight  
And dear God keep America free"

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