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## **Fat Joe** "Bendiction Mami"

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Empty Arms and Lonely nights That's my life without you girl I'm so lonely I'm so blue Without you girl my life is through Maria This song is dedicated

Maria - Don't you hear me calling Maria To the most beautiful woman on the planet earth

Maria That would be my mother Maria Cartegena

[1st Verse] Ay yo, she's the best sister One man love her And if she died her tombstone would read The world's greatest mother August nineteenth she birthed me I came out Put her through hell but still in all she couldn't help but smile I resemble my mama to be truthful And I ain't got to describe her You know she beautiful Shit, I always love my mama Blow holes through a Nigga if he touch my mama You did whatever it took to keep the supper hot And I remember when you worked at the number spot Once the cops caught you I skipped school Yeah I guess the cops was cool They let me feed you I cryed for hours till they finally freed you Drop to my knees and screamed Mama we need you Then you went back to school and got a job that's legal Maria

[Chorus]

Yeah Mami, I love you so much For this pain, this love, you've been through so much, And I thank you for everything you done for us You've been a survivor and we love you so much I had to dedicate this song to you Mami I had to tell the world how much I love you

[2nd Verse] Ay yo, yo yo I never forget the night that changed out life A neighbor was screaming Maria come out side Something's wrong with your son I think he's getting high Then you replied not my son he don't be getting high Then you bathed him and tucked him to sleep Yeah I knew from that day life wouldn't be sweet He got in trouble with the law Then you bailed him out I got in trouble with the law then you bailed me out It was one July the fourth They tried to take me out Shot me right in front of my mother By Tracy's house Now its time to change my life I think Rap's the answer Same day I got signed you was diagnosed with Cancer Doctor said it'd be a miracle if you survived Then you looked in my eyes and said Joey I don't want to die I pray to god that he show us a sign Now its fourteen years later and you still alive Thank you God

## [Chorus]

[3rd Verse] God I thank you so much My Mother has so much to see So much to do She's had such a painful life Many nights I argue with you in my prayers but I know you're the boss You kept her alive for a reason Mama I'm a ride for you Iswear Yo, I bet you proud of your son He's a rap star now Took you out of them projects and bought you that house Got you that housekeeper to manicure the grounds And I bought you that car that breaks the barrier of sound You take care of Joey and I love you for that And you raising John John and we love you for that

I guess Lisa was an Angel God wanted her back Damn I really miss my sister Guess she's better where she's at Mammy I love you I want the world to know I love you And every chance I get I'm a kiss you and hug you Life wasn't easy everyday is a struggle But like my niggaz from Chi town say It's all bubbles

[Chorus]

Hoping my real mo'fuckers know This be the realest shit I ever wrote

It's that shit right here Took me like ten years to do

You know I cried doing this song Man, so much pain Mami you such a good woman You a classy woman I know you a private person You don't want the world to know all your business But I had to let them know how strong you are I love you so much

This song is also dedicated to little Maria One of my best friends on earth Get your shit together girl I love you too Juju what's up, you my nephew I love you for life

It's Crack bitch

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